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Important Monthly Indicators

| INDUSTRIAL: | May 1956 | May 1955 | Apr. 1956 |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Anthracite Production (net tons).....* | 1,997 | 1,997 | 2,233 |
| Bituminous Coal Production (net tons).....* | 44,770 | 38,336 | 40,580 |
| Construction Contracts (\$1).....* | 2,479,775 | 2,185,065 | 2,421,497 |
| Copper Production ref. (net tons).....* | 142,445 | 135,042 | 140,032 |
| Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....* | 140,727 | 125,169 | 139,927 |
| Industrial Production (FRB) 1947-49=100 | 142.0 | 138.0 | 143.0 |
| Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100 | 105.0 | 104.1 | 106.0 |
| Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100 | 155.5 | 150.0 | 158.2 |
| Newspaper Production (net tons).....* | 699,558 | 656,565 | 656,711 |
| Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....* | 701,328 | 657,849 | 644,739 |
| Pig Iron Production (net tons).....* | 6,921 | 6,805 | 6,925 |
| Kayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....* | 56,900 | 70,500 | 58,200 |
| Rubber Consumption (long tons).....* | N. A. | 130,167 | 120,652 |
| Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....* | 10,496 | 10,328 | 10,536 |
| Zinc Production (net tons).....* | 81,238 | 86,177 | 88,664 |
| Zinc Shipments (net tons).....* | 59,085 | 89,336 | 74,788 |

| | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1955 | Mar. 1956 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Coke Production (net tons).....* | 6,623 | 6,131 | 6,897 |
| Cotton Consumption (bales).....* | 721,577 | 695,188 | 916,396 |
| Electricity Production (kw-hours).....* | 54,300 | 48,376 | 57,404 |
| Lead Production prim. (net tons).....* | 52,976 | 50,275 | 54,174 |
| Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....* | 44,986 | 44,878 | 39,344 |
| Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....* | 654,333 | 881,840 | 680,984 |
| Tires - Production (units).....* | 9,153 | 8,834 | 9,194 |
| Tires - Shipments (units).....* | 9,919 | 9,119 | 9,217 |
| Wool Consumption (pounds).....* | 39,700 | 35,300 | 38,800 |

| | Mar. 1956 | Mar. 1955 | Feb. 1956 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cement Production (barrels).....* | N. A. | 22,340 | 19,578 |
| Cement Shipments (barrels).....* | N. A. | 22,941 | 15,929 |
| Cigarette Production (units).....* | 32,471 | 33,695 | 30,733 |
| Gasoline Production (barrels).....* | 118,699 | 109,838 | 111,754 |
| Petroleum Production (barrels).....* | 225,625 | 213,454 | 209,027 |
| Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....* | 245,340 | 228,594 | 233,374 |

| FINANCIAL: | May 1956 | May 1955 | Apr. 1956 |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$).....* | 185,580 | 167,714 | 176,760 |
| Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$).....* | 69,452 | 62,211 | 65,715 |
| Bank Debts, Outside N. Y. C. (\$).....* | 116,129 | 105,503 | 111,045 |
| Bond Sales, N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$).....* | 91,834 | 76,572 | 98,379 |
| Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$).....* | 2,260 | 3,930 | 1,510 |
| Bond Sales, Municipal (\$).....* | 470,965 | 349,648 | 390,541 |
| Fire Losses (\$).....* | 87,681 | 71,789 | 84,624 |
| Life Insurance Sales (\$).....* | 4,543 | 3,608 | 4,188 |
| Stock Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....* | 53,230 | 45,427 | 54,106 |
| Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....* | 21,790 | 15,500 | 25,130 |

| | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1955 | Mar. 1956 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$).....* | 1,571,000 | 1,264,000 | 1,573,700 |
| Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$).....* | 990,200 | 370,800 | 1,101,200 |
| Railway Earnings, Gross (\$).....* | 877,892 | 796,501 | 888,985 |
| Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$).....* | 94,159 | 87,304 | 88,976 |
| Retail Sales (\$).....* | 15,000 | 15,600 | 15,900 |
| Wholesale Sales (\$).....* | 9,900 | 9,100 | 10,200 |
| Manufacturing Sales (\$).....* | 27,400 | 26,300 | 28,500 |
| Retail Inventories (\$).....* | 24,900 | 23,600 | 24,500 |
| Wholesale Inventories (\$).....* | 12,600 | 11,600 | 12,600 |
| Manufacturing Inventories (\$).....* | 48,200 | 43,300 | 47,700 |

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—May 1956 and 1955

| | (Thousands of dollars) | | % Change | APR. 1956 |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | MAY 1956 | MAY 1955 | | |
| Boston..... | 3,210,090 | 2,697,716 | + 19.0 | 2,856,062 |
| Philadelphia..... | 5,764,000 | 4,992,000 | + 15.5 | 5,306,000 |
| Buffalo..... | 609,116 | 548,302 | + 11.1 | 566,013 |
| Pittsburgh..... | 2,026,693 | 1,829,991 | + 10.7 | 1,926,963 |
| Cleveland..... | 2,460,338 | 2,125,198 | + 15.8 | 2,401,348 |
| Cincinnati..... | 1,220,969 | 1,125,749 | + 8.5 | 1,197,047 |
| Baltimore..... | 1,579,307 | 1,434,042 | + 10.1 | 1,551,182 |
| Richmond..... | 1,806,273 | 1,688,771 | + 6.9 | 1,819,100 |
| Atlanta..... | 1,619,242 | 1,542,100 | + 6.3 | 1,600,000 |
| New Orleans..... | 905,216 | 816,835 | + 10.8 | 775,687 |
| Memphis..... | 554,672 | 493,190 | + 12.5 | 546,284 |
| Chicago..... | 4,867,552 | 4,063,799 | + 4.4 | 4,726,282 |
| Detroit..... | 3,254,600 | 3,123,952 | + 4.2 | 3,099,673 |
| St. Louis..... | 1,592,295 | 1,504,080 | + 5.9 | 1,626,548 |
| Louisville..... | 837,223 | 790,947 | + 5.9 | 818,100 |
| Minneapolis..... | 1,605,550 | 1,490,894 | + 7.7 | 1,524,464 |
| Kansas City..... | 1,085,947 | 1,034,283 | + 3.2 | 1,051,057 |
| Omaha..... | 627,524 | 643,098 | - 2.4 | 622,638 |
| Denver..... | 794,545 | 733,682 | + 8.3 | 744,961 |
| Dallas..... | 1,887,277 | 1,640,349 | + 2.2 | 1,879,643 |
| Houston..... | 1,762,685 | 1,603,855 | + 9.9 | 1,625,247 |
| Los Angeles..... | 3,890,570 | 3,459,600 | + 12.1 | 3,859,695 |
| San Francisco..... | 2,789,645 | 2,563,834 | + 8.8 | 2,822,943 |
| Portland, Ore..... | 825,328 | 709,779 | + 16.3 | 762,799 |
| Seattle..... | 822,901 | 796,047 | + 3.4 | 763,453 |
| Total 25 Cities..... | 48,020,221 | 43,048,093 | + 9.3 | 46,035,132 |
| New York..... | 48,884,307 | 42,099,029 | + 16.1 | 45,033,209 |
| Total 26 Cities..... | 96,904,528 | 85,047,122 | + 12.6 | 91,068,341 |

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | 5 MONTHS 1956 | 5 MONTHS 1955 | % Change | 5 MONTHS 1954 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Boston..... | 14,594,008 | 13,336,551 | + 9.4 | 12,391,744 |
| Philadelphia..... | 26,546,000 | 24,701,000 | + 7.5 | 23,176,000 |
| Buffalo..... | 2,912,332 | 2,700,574 | + 7.8 | 2,449,197 |
| Pittsburgh..... | 9,747,607 | 8,384,036 | + 16.4 | 7,849,309 |
| Cleveland..... | 11,944,037 | 10,189,313 | + 17.2 | 9,321,948 |
| Cincinnati..... | 5,968,963 | 5,424,800 | + 10.0 | 5,174,228 |
| Baltimore..... | 7,559,594 | 6,866,883 | + 10.1 | 6,314,816 |
| Richmond..... | 4,006,391 | 3,726,460 | + 7.5 | 3,465,937 |
| Atlanta..... | 7,435,900 | 6,870,617 | + 8.2 | 6,657,500 |
| New Orleans..... | 4,203,396 | 3,870,617 | + 8.6 | 3,574,280 |
| Memphis..... | 2,755,495 | 2,542,055 | + 8.4 | 2,427,400 |
| Chicago..... | 23,469,541 | 21,494,294 | + 9.2 | 19,615,817 |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 16,038,423 | 14,043,593 | + 9.5 | 12,872,796 |
| St. Louis..... | 7,938,510 | 7,410,811 | + 7.1 | 7,018,259 |
| Louisville..... | 4,161,046 | 3,855,176 | + 7.9 | 3,528,117 |
| Minneapolis..... | 7,831,310 | 7,160,981 | + 9.4 | 6,753,676 |
| Kansas City..... | 8,385,874 | 8,116,743 | + 3.3 | 7,435,775 |
| Omaha..... | 3,157,987 | 3,157,170 | + 0.1 | 3,341,456 |
| Denver..... | 3,730,897 | 3,380,352 | + 10.4 | 2,978,579 |
| Dallas..... | 9,403,246 | 8,795,025 | + 6.9 | 7,899,812 |
| Houston..... | 8,619,594 | 7,637,868 | + 13.1 | 6,777,660 |
| Los Angeles..... | 19,334,410 | 17,318,612 | + 11.6 | 14,870,893 |
| San Francisco..... | 13,769,674 | 12,543,612 | + 9.8 | 11,004,071 |
| Portland, Ore..... | 3,870,351 | 3,612,741 | + 7.1 | 3,218,683 |
| Seattle..... | 3,963,603 | 3,776,529 | + 5.0 | 3,366,503 |
| Total 25 Cities..... | 231,762,452 | 212,081,719 | + 9.3 | 193,485,510 |
| New York..... | 230,423,010 | 200,824,634 | + 4.3 | 217,000,161 |
| Total 26 Cities..... | 462,185,462 | 412,906,353 | + 6.8 | 410,545,671 |

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1953 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

| | Total 26 United States Cities | | | | New York City | | | | Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| January..... | 96,104 | 87,462 | 80,946 | 79,037 | 47,789 | 45,004 | 42,599 | 39,082 | 48,314 | 42,458 | 38,347 | 39,955 |
| February..... | 82,375 | 80,589 | 76,130 | 68,623 | 39,550 | 42,646 | 40,866 | 33,899 | 42,825 | 37,943 | 35,264 | 34,724 |
| March..... | 95,734 | 95,240 | 90,893 | 83,913 | 49,167 | 49,403 | 47,723 | 41,689 | 46,568 | 43,160 | 42,224 | 42,224 |
| April..... | 91,068 | 83,559 | 82,815 | 79,149 | 45,033 | 41,673 | 41,437 | 39,190 | 46,035 | 41,687 | 39,768 | 39,959 |
| May..... | 96,905 | 86,047 | 79,771 | 75,787 | 48,884 | 42,099 | 42,435 | 37,671 | 48,020 | 43,948 | 37,336 | 38,116 |
| June..... | ..... | 91,966 | 89,211 | 82,121 | ..... | 46,545 | 47,566 | 41,717 | ..... | 45,421 | 41,645 | 40,404 |
| July..... | ..... | 83,362 | 83,729 | 80,394 | ..... | 41,017 | 44,207 | 39,930 | ..... | 42,345 | 39,522 | 40,464 |
| August..... | ..... | 86,995 | 82,817 | 71,871 | ..... | 41,453 | 43,345 | 34,435 | ..... | 45,543 | 39,472 | 37,436 |
| September..... | ..... | 86,512 | 80,283 | 77,912 | ..... | 42,020 | 40,710 | 39,003 | ..... | 44,592 | 39,573 | 38,909 |
| October..... | ..... | 90,642 | 83,176 | 80,716 | ..... | 46,905 | 45,134 | 39,467 | ..... | 45,737 | 40,042 | 40,749 |
| November..... | ..... | 88,603 | 84,476 | 75,948 | ..... | 43,333 | 43,079 | 37,535 | ..... | 45,270 | 41,397 | 38,413 |
| December..... | ..... | 97,510 | 98,823 | 88,142 | ..... | 50,787 | 52,928 | 46,171 | ..... | 46,724 | 45,895 | 41,971 |
| Total..... | ..... | 1,058,596 | 1,013,060 | 943,613 | ..... | 530,883 | 532,029 | 470,289 | ..... | 527,712 | 481,031 | 473,324 |

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1953 to Date

| | Number of Failures | | | | Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) | | | | Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| January..... | 1,048 | 939 | 867 | 647 | \$42,890 | \$37,872 | \$29,592 | \$23,309 | \$43,712 | \$39,000 | \$29,906 | \$23,760 |
| February..... | 1,024 | 877 | 926 | 691 | 49,189 | 42,056 | 47,774 | 27,273 | 49,436 | 42,194 | 47,909 | 27,525 |
| March..... | 1,170 | 1,038 | 1,102 | 739 | 42,622 | 41,209 | 57,280 | 31,082 | 43,843 | 41,289 | 57,746 | 31,584 |
| April..... | 985 | 903 | 975 | 693 | 41,871 | 35,968 | 42,512 | 27,520 | 42,666 | 36,299 | 43,160 | 28,152 |
| May..... | 1,164 | 955 | 943 | 697 | 59,901 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 32,789 | 60,334 | 34,840 | 39,068 | 33,032 |
| June..... | ..... | 914 | 965 | 817 | ..... | 36,667 | 41,613 | 32,379 | ..... | 37,171 | 41,615 | 32,454 |
| July..... | ..... | 861 | 856 | 724 | ..... | 32,543 | 32,230 | 39,830 | ..... | 32,706 | 32,725 | 40,134 |
| August..... | ..... | 888 | 912 | 700 | ..... | 36,028 | 32,582 | 26,529 | ..... | 36,425 | 37,712 | 30,194 |
| September..... | ..... | 822 | 819 | 685 | ..... | 33,120 | 36,381 | 33,817 | ..... | 33,148 | 37,757 | 34,050 |
| October..... | ..... | 919 | 871 | 840 | ..... | 34,777 | 29,000 | 37,076 | ..... | 34,777 | 29,308 | 37,298 |
| November..... | ..... | 945 | 933 | 815 | ..... | 42,783 | 35,067 | 36,795 | ..... | 43,073 | 36,780 | 36,996 |
| December..... | ..... | 908 | 917 | 813 | ..... | 41,643 | 40,103 | 43,754 | ..... | 42,008 | 40,925 | 45,088 |
| Total..... | ..... | 10,969 | 11,086 | 8,862 | ..... | \$449,380 | \$462,628 | \$394,153 | ..... | \$453,130 | \$469,611 | \$400,467 |

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

| Group: | May 1956 | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | May 1955 |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| ALL COMMODITIES..... | 114.4 | 113.6 | 112.8 | 109.9 |
| Farm Products..... | 90.9 | 88.0 | 86.6 | 91.2 |
| Processed foods..... | 102.4 | 100.4 | 99.2 | 102.1 |
| All Commodities Other Than | | | | |
| Farm Products and Foods..... | 121.7 | 121.6 | 121.0 | 115.5 |
| Textile Products and Apparel..... | 94.9 | 95.1 | 95.9 | 95.0 |
| Hides, Skins & Leather Products..... | 100.1 | 100.6 | 97.7 | 92.9 |
| Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials..... | 111.0 | 110.6 | 110.9 | 107.0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products..... | 105.9 | 106.9 | 106.5 | 106.8 |
| Metals and Metal Products..... | 146.7 | 147.7 | 146.5 | 132.5 |
| Machinery and Motive Products..... | 136.1 | 135.7 | 134.7 | 126.7 |
| Furniture, Other Household Durables..... | 118.1 | 118.0 | 118.1 | 115.1 |
| Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural..... | 128.6 | 128.6 | 127.9 | 123.2 |
| Rubber and Products..... | 143.5 | 145.0 | 146.2 | 138.0 |
| Lumber and Products..... | 128.2 | 128.5 | 128.0 | 123.5 |
| Pulp, Paper and Allied Products..... | 127.3 | 127.4 | 126.8 | 117.7 |
| Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages..... | 121.7 | 121.7 | 121.7 | 121.6 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 96.0 | 92.1 | 88.2 | 91.3 |

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

| Group: | May 1956 | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | May 1955 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| ALL ITEMS..... | 115.4 | 114.9 | 114.7 | 114.2 |
| Food..... | 111.0 | 109.6 | 109.0 | 111.1 |
| Housing..... | 120.9 | 120.8 | 120.7 | 119.4 |
| Apparel..... | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 103.3 |
| Transportation..... | 126.9 | 126.4 | 126.7 | 125.5 |
| Medical Care..... | 131.9 | 131.6 | 131.4 | 127.5 |
| Personal Care..... | 109.6 | 109.5 | 109.2 | 113.9 |
| Leisure and Recreation..... | 108.2 | 108.2 | 107.7 | 106.5 |
| Other Goods and Services..... | 121.5 | 121.4 | 121.2 | 119.9 |

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1954 to Date

| 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 3..... \$5.95 | Jan. 4..... \$6.75 | Jan. 5..... \$6.85 |
| Jan. 10..... 5.92 | Jan. 11..... 6.81 | Jan. 12..... 7.03 |
| Jan. 17..... 5.86 | Jan. 18..... 6.84 | Jan. 19..... 6.96 |
| Jan. 24..... 5.89 | Jan. 25..... 6.88 | Jan. 26..... 7.02 |
| Jan. 31..... 5.95 | Feb. 1..... 6.85 | Feb. 2..... 7.01 |
| Feb. 7..... 5.90 | Feb. 8..... 6.77 | Feb. 9..... 7.09 |
| Feb. 14..... 5.94 | Feb. 15..... 6.69 | Feb. 16..... 7.11 |
| Feb. 21..... 5.93 | Feb. 22..... 6.65 | Feb. 23..... 7.20 |
| Feb. 28..... 5.95 | Mar. 1..... 6.63 | Mar. 2..... 7.21 |
| Mar. 6..... 5.94 | Mar. 8..... 6.55 | Mar. 9..... 7.25 |
| Mar. 13..... 5.96 | Mar. 15..... 6.53 | Mar. 16..... 7.27 |
| Mar. 20..... 5.93 | Mar. 22..... 6.55 | Mar. 23..... 7.34 |
| Mar. 27..... 5.89 | Mar. 29..... 6.52 | Mar. 30..... 7.42 |
| Apr. 3..... 5.96 | Apr. 5..... 6.49 | Apr. 6..... 7.40 |
| Apr. 10..... 5.96 | Apr. 12..... 6.54 | Apr. 13..... 7.35 |
| Apr. 17..... 6.01 | Apr. 19..... 6.52 | Apr. 20..... 7.41 |
| Apr. 24..... 6.04 | Apr. 26..... 6.42 | Apr. 27..... 7.39 |
| May 1..... 6.04 | May 3..... 6.38 | May 4..... 7.38 |
| May 8..... 6.03 | May 10..... 6.39 | May 11..... 7.31 |
| May 15..... 6.14 | May 17..... 6.37 | May 18..... 7.39 |
| May 22..... 6.11 | May 24..... 6.34 | May 25..... 7.46 |
| May 29..... 6.11 | May 31..... 6.33 | June 1..... 7.38 |
| June 5..... 6.18 | June 7..... 6.39 | June 8..... 7.36 |
| June 12..... 6.14 | June 14..... 6.51 | June 15..... 7.23 |
| June 19..... 6.09 | June 21..... 6.49 | June 22..... 7.28 |
| June 26..... 6.09 | June 28..... 6.42 | June 29..... 7.30 |
| July 3..... 6.09 | July 5..... 6.33 | July 6..... 7.22 |
| July 10..... 6.09 | July 12..... 6.26 | July 13..... 7.23 |
| July 17..... 6.09 | July 19..... 6.17 | July 20..... 7.23 |
| July 24..... 6.09 | July 26..... 6.17 | July 27..... 7.14 |
| July 31..... 6.09 | Aug. 2..... 6.21 | Aug. 3..... 7.10 |
| Aug. 7..... 6.09 | Aug. 9..... 6.24 | Aug. 10..... 7.10 |
| Aug. 14..... 6.09 | Aug. 16..... 6.23 | Aug. 17..... 7.07 |
| Aug. 21..... 6.09 | Aug. 23..... 6.21 | Aug. 24..... 6.89 |
| Aug. 28..... 6.09 | Aug. 30..... 6.15 | Aug. 31..... 6.65 |
| Sept. 4..... 6.09 | Sept. 6..... 6.19 | Sept. 7..... 6.70 |
| Sept. 11..... 6.09 | Sept. 13..... 6.26 | Sept. 14..... 6.69 |
| Sept. 18..... 6.09 | Sept. 20..... 6.25 | Sept. 21..... 6.73 |
| Sept. 25..... 6.09 | Sept. 27..... 6.28 | Sept. 28..... 6.71 |
| Oct. 2..... 6.09 | Oct. 4..... 6.17 | Oct. 5..... 6.69 |
| Oct. 9..... 6.09 | Oct. 11..... 6.11 | Oct. 12..... 6.64 |
| Oct. 16..... 6.09 | Oct. 18..... 6.08 | Oct. 19..... 6.59 |
| Oct. 23..... 6.09 | Oct. 25..... 6.05 | Oct. 26..... 6.71 |
| Oct. 30..... 6.09 | Nov. 1..... 6.02 | Nov. 2..... 6.74 |
| Nov. 6..... 6.09 | Nov. 8..... 6.00 | Nov. 9..... 6.80 |
| Nov. 13..... 6.09 | Nov. 15..... 6.04 | Nov. 16..... 6.88 |
| Nov. 20..... 6.09 | Nov. 22..... 6.02 | Nov. 23..... 6.85 |
| Nov. 27..... 6.09 | Nov. 29..... 5.99 | Nov. 30..... 6.85 |
| Dec. 4..... 6.09 | Dec. 6..... 5.99 | Dec. 7..... 6.83 |
| Dec. 11..... 6.09 | Dec. 13..... 5.96 | Dec. 14..... 6.74 |
| Dec. 18..... 6.09 | Dec. 20..... 5.96 | Dec. 21..... 6.75 |
| Dec. 25..... 6.09 | Dec. 27..... 5.97 | Dec. 28..... 6.78 |
| Average..... | Average..... \$6.34 | \$7.50 |

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-32=100)

| Base Year | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | Feb. 1956 | Jan. 1956 | Apr. 1955 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| U. S. (B. L. S.).....1947-49 | 113.6 | 112.8 | 112.4 | 111.9 | 110.5 |
| Canada.....1935-39 | 224.5 | 223.3 | 222.2 | 222.0 | 218.5 |
| Australia.....1953 | 108.0 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 106.0 | 101.0 |
| Costa Rica.....1953 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 109.0 | 107.0 |
| Denmark.....1953 | 108.0 | 107.0 | 106.0 | 105.0 | 103.0 |
| Finland.....1953 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 |
| France.....1953 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 103.0 | 100.0 | 97.0 |
| Greece.....1953 | 128.0 | 127.0 | 126.0 | 126.0 | 116.0 |
| India.....1953 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 88.0 |
| Japan.....1953 | 102.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 |
| Sweden.....1953 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 102.0 |
| Switzerland.....1953 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 101.0 |
| Mar. 1956 | Feb. 1956 | Jan. 1956 | Dec. 1955 | Mar. 1955 | |
| Australia.....1953 | 105.0 | 102.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 101.0 |
| Belgium.....1953 | 103.0 | 104.0 | 103.0 | 102.0 | 100.0 |
| Brazil.....1953 | 160.0 | 154.0 | 153.0 | 141.0 | |
| Cuba.....1953 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 94.0 | 95.0 | |
| Dominican Republic.....1953 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 99.0 | 94.0 | |
| Germany.....1953 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 100.0 | |
| Guatemala.....1953 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 | |
| Italy.....1953 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 |
| Lebanon.....1953 | 100.0 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 91.0 |
| Mexico.....1953 | 131.0 | 131.0 | 130.0 | 128.0 | 122.0 |
| Morocco, Fr.....1953 | 98.0 | 97.0 | 98.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 |
| Netherlands.....1953 | 104.0 | 103.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 | |
| Norway.....1953 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 100.0 |
| Peru.....1953 | 125.0 | 125.0 | 122.0 | 121.0 | 116.0 |
| Philippines.....1953 | 93.0 | 93.0 | 91.0 | 92.0 | 93.0 |
| Portugal.....1953 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 95.0 |
| Spain.....1953 | 111.0 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 103.0 |
| Turkey.....1953 | 124.0 | 131.0 | 128.0 | 115.0 | |
| Union South Africa.....1953 | 105.0 | 106.0 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 103.0 |
| U. K. (Bd. of Tr.).....1953 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 106.0 | 102.0 | |
| Venezuela.....1953 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 103.0 | 102.0 | |

| June 1956 | May 1956 | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | Feb. 1956 |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1..... 287.63 | 294.03 | 288.71 | 281.26 | 280.15 |
| 2..... 293.31 | 288.71 | 281.41 | 280.24 | |
| 3..... 293.02 | 289.22 | 280.80 | | |
| 4..... 288.09 | 293.68 | 289.00 | 281.15 | 280.80 |
| 5..... 288.74 | 290.11 | 281.15 | 280.36 | |
| 6..... 288.83 | 290.78 | 281.43 | 280.62 | |
| 7..... 288.68 | 292.95 | 281.70 | 281.17 | |
| 8..... 288.50 | 292.52 | 281.73 | 281.17 | |
| 9..... 293.04 | 292.45 | 281.91 | 281.43 | |
| 10..... 293.30 | 292.28 | 281.77 | | |
| 11..... 288.21 | 293.36 | 292.36 | 281.77 | |
| 12..... 288.17 | 293.03 | 292.44 | 281.77 | |
| 13..... 288.44 | 292.45 | 282.40 | 281.36 | |
| 14..... 288.24 | 293.34 | 282.54 | 281.24 | |
| 15..... 287.10 | 293.44 | 282.64 | 280.89 | |
| 16..... 293.54 | 292.88 | 283.15 | 281.10 | |
| 17..... 293.38 | 293.22 | 281.50 | | |
| 18..... 286.65 | 292.10 | 293.46 | 281.50 | |
| 19..... 287.49 | 294.47 | 283.86 | 281.86 | |
| 20..... 286.52 | 295.24 | 284.23 | 281.98 | |
| 21..... 286.61 | 291.69 | 284.58 | 281.82 | |
| 22..... 286.62 | 292.69 | 285.59 | 281.82 | |
| 23..... 291.88 | 294.86 | 286.19 | 282.28 | |
| 24..... 290.79 | 294.98 | 286.19 | 281.77 | |
| 25..... 286.44 | 290.15 | 294.67 | 281.77 | |
| 26..... 294.44 | 294.44 | 285.65 | 281.77 | |
| 27..... 294.42 | 294.42 | 285.74 | 281.86 | |
| 28..... 288.90 | 294.42 | 285.96 | 281.19 | |
| 29..... 288.73 | 294.75 | 286.03 | 281.05 | |
| 30..... 287.97 | | | | |
| 31..... 287.97 | | | | |
| (*) Holiday | (*) Sunday | | | |
| High | Low | | | |
| 1956..... 295.24 | Apr. 20 | 278.79 | Jan. 17 | |
| 1955..... 280.79 | Jan. 27 | 270.68 | June 3 | |
| 1954..... 279.82 | Dec. 28 | 270.72 | June 30 | |
| 1953..... 284.18 | July 23 | 274.04 | Oct. 8 | |
| 1952..... 312.13 | Jan. 5 | 280.05 | Dec. 17 | |

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

| | MAY 1956 | MAY 1955 | APRIL 1956 | | MAY 1956 | MAY 1955 | APRIL 1956 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| New England: | | | | South Atlantic: | | | |
| Boston, Mass..... | \$2,799,475 | \$4,643,034 | \$10,228,898 | Asheville, N. C..... | \$255,975 | \$245,380 | \$282,730 |
| Bridgeport, Conn..... | 1,106,430 | 1,346,291 | 835,190 | Atlanta, Ga..... | 7,906,676 | 6,253,622 | 3,847,345 |
| Bristol, Conn..... | 629,121 | 518,453 | 476,199 | Augusta, Ga..... | 520,816 | 289,564 | 343,769 |
| Brockton, Mass..... | 846,915 | 541,805 | 1,725,884 | Baltimore, Md..... | 3,507,325 | 19,255,908 | 4,719,558 |
| Cambridge, Mass..... | 2,318,524 | 367,910 | 490,583 | Charleston, S. C..... | 188,129 | 507,404 | 164,593 |
| Chelsea, Mass..... | 31,145 | 38,439 | 63,709 | Charlotte, N. C..... | 6,585,771 | 3,609,029 | 2,418,660 |
| Everett, Mass..... | 125,304 | 78,580 | 84,243 | Coral Gables, Fla..... | 1,180,439 | 1,701,068 | 1,109,268 |
| Fall River, Mass..... | 819,123 | 68,845 | 223,625 | Greensboro, N. C..... | 2,182,955 | 1,009,319 | 1,190,546 |
| Fitchburg, Mass..... | 176,810 | 323,515 | 76,855 | Greenville, S. C..... | 529,750 | 1,101,598 | 1,007,495 |
| Greenwich, Conn..... | 1,980,223 | 2,200,410 | 1,834,250 | Jacksonville, Fla..... | 1,467,941 | 1,258,854 | 1,435,795 |
| Hartford, Conn..... | 358,776 | 6,860,310 | 540,994 | Lyndhurst, Va..... | 405,825 | 549,181 | 478,875 |
| Haverhill, Mass..... | 158,595 | 503,590 | 145,075 | Macon, Ga..... | 826,365 | 184,840 | 389,635 |
| Holyoke, Mass..... | 355,450 | 170,125 | 275,000 | Miami, Fla..... | 3,597,096 | 3,826,909 | 4,728,192 |
| Lawrence, Mass..... | 283,706 | 213,503 | 479,043 | Miami Beach, Fla..... | 2,916,918 | 1,197,387 | 1,338,642 |
| Lowell, Mass..... | 495,855 | 251,915 | 375,365 | Norfolk, Va..... | 9,191,799 | 1,383,025 | 1,555,560 |
| Lynn, Mass..... | 488,200 | 354,730 | 463,024 | Northampton, Va..... | 1,964,678 | 2,446,657 | 7,095,292 |
| Manchester, N. H..... | 1,094,962 | 590,682 | 564,875 | Roanoke, Va..... | 1,272,598 | 980,510 | 2,667,050 |
| Medford, Mass..... | 64,440 | 274,085 | 105,600 | Savannah, Ga..... | 523,074 | 389,121 | 445,850 |
| New Bedford, Mass..... | 419,618 | 251,842 | 453,830 | Tampa, Fla..... | 3,472,625 | 5,267,321 | 3,638,220 |
| New Britain, Conn..... | 489,125 | 690,050 | 581,950 | Washington, D. C..... | 6,504,669 | 5,067,360 | 3,179,719 |
| New Haven, Conn..... | 829,475 | 646,199 | 779,342 | Winston Salem, N. C..... | 2,188,249 | 1,116,462 | 704,270 |
| Newton, Mass..... | 588,784 | 1,027,360 | 696,600 | | | | |
| Norwalk, Conn..... | 2,683,425 | 1,556,012 | 1,020,200 | Total So. Atlantic: | \$57,389,673 | \$57,641,519 | \$42,741,264 |
| Portland, Me..... | 570,180 | 338,047 | 585,320 | East Central: | | | |
| Providence, R. I..... | 609,450 | 618,650 | 944,050 | Akron, Ohio..... | \$4,096,009 | \$3,066,986 | \$4,599,465 |
| Quincy, Mass..... | 534,749 | 416,508 | 577,451 | Bay City, Mich..... | 1,102,709 | 982,139 | 956,246 |
| Salem, Mass..... | 195,657 | 97,745 | 528,238 | Berwyn, Ill..... | 314,641 | 984,886 | 639,570 |
| Somerville, Mass..... | 80,655 | 56,525 | 106,170 | Bluefield, W. Va..... | 178,457 | 98,214 | 69,865 |
| Springfield, Mass..... | 1,028,775 | 1,785,490 | 1,314,518 | Canton, Ohio..... | 839,030 | 960,620 | 759,215 |
| Stamford, Conn..... | 1,517,850 | 4,378,166 | 1,483,850 | Chicago, Ill..... | 28,684,742 | 27,640,100 | 37,632,845 |
| Waterbury, Conn..... | 968,829 | 876,505 | 640,000 | Cincinnati, Ohio..... | 3,782,760 | 4,314,840 | 9,161,175 |
| West Hartford, Conn..... | 1,428,067 | 1,596,110 | 5,009,987 | Cleveland, Ohio..... | 11,156,860 | 10,252,000 | 7,991,400 |
| Worcester, Mass..... | 696,430 | 1,264,955 | 492,550 | Columbus, Ohio..... | 9,360,975 | 5,497,235 | 3,715,125 |
| Total New England: | \$26,774,123 | \$34,946,386 | \$34,202,468 | Dayton, Ohio..... | 1,979,480 | 2,423,670 | 1,192,740 |
| Middle Atlantic: | | | | Detroit, Mich..... | 12,314,313 | 11,101,902 | 7,540,093 |
| Manhattan..... | \$31,639,000 | \$25,632,649 | \$1,520,000 | East St. Louis, Ill..... | 1,110,550 | 182,817 | 453,000 |
| Manhattan..... | 4,458,455 | 8,106,550 | 5,972,875 | Evansville, Ind..... | 3,479,235 | 1,565,343 | 1,164,169 |
| Bronx..... | 4,451,720 | 4,022,500 | 4,404,200 | Evansville, Ind..... | 936,695 | 420,071 | 575,480 |
| Bronx..... | 301,655 | 527,200 | 929,150 | Flint, Mich..... | 2,116,880 | 2,693,150 | 2,302,050 |
| Brooklyn..... | 13,197,800 | 10,654,200 | 7,679,400 | Fort Wayne, Ind..... | 1,799,056 | 861,416 | 1,755,137 |
| Brooklyn..... | 2,208,595 | 3,174,145 | 1,842,475 | Gary, Ind..... | 3,628,173 | 1,998,079 | 2,777,004 |
| Queens..... | 9,368,749 | 10,656,840 | 8,976,250 | Grand Rapids, Mich..... | 420,240 | 2,244,695 | 1,234,015 |
| Queens..... | 1,701,252 | 1,075,640 | 725,810 | Green Bay, Wisc..... | 926,522 | 1,069,843 | 2,431,505 |
| Richmond..... | 2,506,700 | 1,766,650 | 1,287,719 | Hammond, Ind..... | 1,696,174 | 1,386,925 | 1,958,978 |
| Richmond..... | 1,055,425 | 166,260 | 115,710 | Huntington, W. Va..... | 574,160 | 529,355 | 738,398 |
| Total N. Y. City: | \$70,889,351 | \$65,782,634 | \$33,453,589 | Indianapolis, Ind..... | 9,510,934 | 3,192,653 | 3,316,706 |
| (a) Alterations: | | | | Lansing, Mich..... | 1,363,834 | 1,241,570 | 1,327,599 |
| Albany, N. Y..... | \$1,584,056 | \$3,830,712 | \$721,111 | Lima, Ohio..... | 753,475 | 265,500 | 888,358 |
| Allentown, Pa..... | 2,763,770 | 1,178,180 | 2,069,525 | Louisville, Ky..... | 3,085,202 | 2,162,942 | 4,696,155 |
| Allentown, Pa..... | 268,488 | 165,167 | 392,372 | Madison, Wisc..... | 982,210 | 2,234,135 | 1,302,445 |
| Atlantic City, N. J..... | 61,143 | 237,160 | 70,000 | Milwaukee, Wisc..... | 16,964,448 | 9,115,674 | 11,540,517 |
| Auburn, N. Y..... | 538,452 | 179,200 | 190,300 | Newark, Ohio..... | 290,775 | 332,085 | 463,155 |
| Bayonne, N. J..... | 205,818 | 118,927 | 74,443 | Oak Park, Ill..... | 1,179,220 | 875,145 | 359,539 |
| Bridgehampton, N. Y..... | 511,683 | 445,864 | 203,749 | Peoria, Ill..... | 508,760 | 615,709 | 633,625 |
| Buffalo, N. Y..... | 1,707,608 | 1,876,309 | 1,783,499 | Pontiac, Mich..... | 614,015 | 509,625 | 763,233 |
| Camden, N. J..... | 2,401,386 | 437,239 | 116,985 | Quincy, Ill..... | 285,717 | 284,965 | 272,897 |
| East Orange, N. J..... | 138,441 | 978,388 | 168,873 | Racine, Wisc..... | 1,269,007 | 1,200,660 | 1,365,654 |
| Elizabeth, N. J..... | 1,014,134 | 177,040 | 481,440 | Rockford, Ill..... | 4,006,060 | 1,546,075 | 2,592,130 |
| Elmira, N. Y..... | 103,957 | 256,726 | 85,000 | Saginaw, Mich..... | 1,719,041 | 1,038,584 | 1,651,600 |
| Erie, Pa..... | 2,938,495 | 974,910 | 885,000 | South Bend, Ind..... | 1,070,186 | 1,086,354 | 1,163,427 |
| Harrisburg, Pa..... | 338,890 | 537,632 | 585,070 | Springfield, Ill..... | 1,945,074 | 423,698 | 472,759 |
| Jamestown, N. Y..... | 349,082 | 720,427 | 671,739 | Springfield, Ohio..... | 425,000 | 53,600 | 237,000 |
| Jersey City, N. J..... | 589,212 | 439,825 | 830,421 | Superior, Wisc..... | 413,374 | 163,804 | 311,544 |
| Lancaster, Pa..... | 236,069 | 195,616 | 981,308 | Terre Haute, Ind..... | 1,096,106 | 1,739,220 | 1,900,283 |
| Mount Vernon, N. Y..... | 192,292 | 257,968 | 973,110 | Toledo, Ohio..... | 1,913,270 | 919,066 | 1,315,155 |
| Newark, N. J..... | 1,212,125 | 570,475 | 6,272,825 | Waukegan, Ill..... | 2,098,324 | 4,517,300 | 243,800 |
| New Brunswick, N. J..... | 163,000 | 252,000 | 993,245 | Wheeling, W. Va..... | 875,500 | 4,517,300 | 243,800 |
| New Rochelle, N. Y..... | 639,925 | 4,089,800 | 958,454 | Youngstown, Ohio..... | 1,931,277 | 1,244,792 | 1,573,627 |
| Niagara Falls, N. Y..... | 765,747 | 925,757 | 897,883 | Zanesville, Ohio..... | 128,950 | 50,137 | 35,975 |
| Philadelphia, Pa..... | 13,231,400 | 14,621,710 | 14,033,820 | Total East Central: | \$144,388,829 | \$116,977,846 | \$127,956,638 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa..... | 2,620,642 | 3,056,047 | 4,526,650 | South Central: | | | |
| Poughkeepsie, N. Y..... | 165,636 | 1,606,927 | 1,210,959 | Abilene, Texas..... | \$2,604,728 | \$1,367,757 | \$1,506,482 |
| Reading, Pa..... | 2,143,491 | 446,432 | 479,306 | Amarillo, Texas..... | 1,742,070 | 2,427,387 | 1,879,528 |
| Rochester, N. Y..... | 1,160,845 | 1,853,249 | 1,372,519 | Austin, Texas..... | 3,251,600 | 4,247,868 | 5,543,833 |
| Schenectady, N. Y..... | 761,684 | 405,510 | 969,062 | Beaumont, Texas..... | 817,166 | 833,474 | 848,072 |
| Scranton, Pa..... | 332,617 | 229,215 | 181,329 | Birmingham, Ala..... | 5,113,407 | 2,974,070 | 3,522,939 |
| Syracuse, N. Y..... | 1,786,918 | 1,800,900 | 1,935,900 | Chattanooga, Tenn..... | 872,324 | 575,932 | 1,771,566 |
| Troy, N. Y..... | 135,480 | 168,307 | 191,190 | Dallas, Texas..... | 13,961,249 | 12,927,253 | 8,939,442 |
| Utica, N. Y..... | 270,750 | 697,125 | 160,550 | El Paso, Texas..... | 2,732,234 | 2,731,422 | 2,223,166 |
| Watertown, N. Y..... | 289,867 | 138,455 | 101,324 | Fort Smith, Ark..... | 453,166 | 472,373 | 375,015 |
| White Plains, N. Y..... | 1,549,684 | 92,612 | 958,454 | Fort Worth, Texas..... | 5,699,007 | 4,184,735 | 3,812,113 |
| Wilkes Barre, Pa..... | 94,352 | 160,400 | 148,730 | Galveston, Texas..... | 245,063 | 324,403 | 1,208,085 |
| Williamsport, Pa..... | 213,902 | 189,439 | 150,558 | Houston, Texas..... | 11,181,138 | 17,829,487 | 15,397,759 |
| Wilmington, Del..... | 985,524 | 329,706 | 673,095 | Jackson, Miss..... | 2,295,195 | 1,374,118 | 1,616,566 |
| Yonkers, N. Y..... | 3,061,075 | 2,702,175 | 1,074,244 | Knoxville, Tenn..... | 1,126,795 | 806,464 | 799,908 |
| York, Pa..... | 154,460 | 248,280 | 165,709 | Little Rock, Ark..... | 781,181 | 981,149 | 843,738 |
| Total Middle Atl: | \$118,566,051 | \$113,384,445 | \$82,912,848 | Memphis, Tenn..... | 3,480,037 | 4,219,822 | 4,950,288 |
| | | | | Mobile, Ala..... | 1,928,251 | 1,604,415 | 1,615,123 |

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| | MAY 1956 | MAY 1955 | APRIL 1956 | | MAY 1956 | MAY 1955 | APRIL 1956 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| So. Cent. (Cont'd) | | | | Mountains | | | |
| Montgomery, Ala..... | \$1,099,223 | \$1,328,053 | \$1,862,078 | Albuquerque, N. M.... | \$2,081,072 | \$3,307,617 | \$2,397,427 |
| Muskogee, Okla..... | 225,200 | 104,020 | 161,250 | Billings, Mont..... | 750,900 | 2,350,850 | 580,400 |
| Nashville, Tenn..... | 2,223,058 | 1,044,765 | 1,045,947 | Boise, Idaho..... | 487,756 | 843,046 | 442,992 |
| New Orleans, La..... | 13,063,376 | 6,740,581 | 8,642,185 | Butte, Mont..... | 155,243 | 229,133 | 166,115 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla... | 5,406,567 | 4,627,270 | 3,142,805 | Colorado Springs, Col | 1,685,709 | 1,685,681 | 1,492,890 |
| Port Arthur, Texas... | 405,704 | 362,694 | 366,838 | Denver, Col..... | 8,061,196 | 8,142,600 | 9,960,400 |
| San Angelo, Texas... | 553,977 | 632,128 | 670,238 | Great Falls, Mont... | 948,039 | 664,323 | 472,720 |
| San Antonio, Texas... | 3,601,328 | 5,140,121 | 5,130,591 | Ogden, Utah..... | 1,256,800 | 1,379,275 | 1,553,600 |
| Shreveport, La..... | 1,611,548 | 1,920,367 | 2,383,946 | Phoenix, Ariz..... | 2,160,545 | 602,755 | 1,460,250 |
| Tulsa, Okla..... | 2,446,254 | 1,939,410 | 1,193,000 | Pueblo, Col..... | 1,354,725 | 953,439 | 506,973 |
| Waco, Texas..... | 1,120,419 | 832,062 | 2,187,280 | Salt Lake City, Utah | 1,654,894 | 1,574,549 | 2,015,337 |
| Wichita Falls, Texas... | 1,139,100 | 1,095,667 | 714,280 | Tucson, Ariz..... | 2,292,668 | 965,138 | 986,920 |
| Total So. Central.... | \$90,481,087 | \$85,854,855 | \$83,340,551 | Total Mountain..... | \$22,545,547 | \$22,036,406 | \$22,036,404 |
| West Central: | | | | Pacific: | | | |
| Cedar Rapids, Iowa... | \$1,709,796 | \$987,975 | \$2,419,903 | Bakersfield, Cal.... | \$770,239 | \$429,996 | \$1,240,204 |
| Davenport, Iowa..... | 1,362,969 | 2,504,856 | 1,083,165 | Berkeley, Cal..... | 1,054,330 | 940,189 | 1,212,045 |
| Des Moines, Iowa..... | 2,320,026 | 2,880,367 | 2,181,334 | Beverly Hills, Cal... | 1,210,862 | 1,019,682 | 1,079,523 |
| Duluth, Minn..... | 634,228 | 405,333 | 1,071,643 | Fresno, Cal..... | 1,430,825 | 4,395,361 | 1,730,381 |
| Fargo, N. D..... | 2,432,419 | 1,411,670 | 1,267,234 | Glendale, Cal..... | 1,497,593 | 1,236,554 | 1,519,776 |
| Kansas City, Kas..... | 1,420,970 | 1,232,007 | 980,635 | Long Beach, Cal.... | 4,085,935 | 6,865,975 | 3,800,220 |
| Kansas City, Mo..... | 345,848 | 906,060 | 519,538 | Los Angeles, Cal.... | 38,230,934 | 33,948,451 | 36,499,805 |
| Lincoln, Neb..... | 4,688,000 | 5,322,000 | 4,600,000 | Oakland, Cal..... | 5,505,225 | 3,154,272 | 3,938,634 |
| Minneapolis, Minn.... | 4,201,505 | 4,201,851 | 1,229,247 | Pasadena, Cal..... | 1,320,343 | 2,188,843 | 1,398,262 |
| Omaha, Neb..... | 4,182,489 | 3,950,989 | 4,133,687 | Portland, Ore..... | 4,173,515 | 4,914,755 | 5,302,375 |
| St. Joseph, Mo..... | 3,461,196 | 2,471,920 | 3,775,325 | Sacramento, Cal.... | 4,686,121 | 2,768,423 | 3,384,584 |
| St. Louis, Mo..... | 743,975 | 929,713 | 623,725 | San Diego, Cal..... | 7,549,243 | 6,535,232 | 8,588,699 |
| St. Paul, Minn..... | 3,515,425 | 3,745,114 | 3,796,324 | San Francisco, Cal... | 8,004,242 | 4,711,911 | 5,515,258 |
| St. Paul, Minn..... | 5,263,735 | 4,867,595 | 3,485,279 | San Jose, Cal..... | 5,611,155 | 5,522,935 | 5,270,810 |
| Sioux City, Iowa..... | 679,400 | 683,875 | 582,650 | Seattle, Wash..... | 5,070,025 | 7,374,665 | 8,339,605 |
| Sioux Falls, S. D.... | 1,565,766 | 1,669,676 | 1,263,922 | Spokane, Wash..... | 5,565,432 | 2,582,607 | 2,683,552 |
| Topeka, Kas..... | 1,649,119 | 1,314,140 | 651,711 | Stockton, Cal..... | 1,790,069 | 1,521,929 | 1,690,687 |
| Wichita, Kas..... | 2,755,659 | 6,624,102 | 3,014,291 | Tacoma, Wash..... | 2,050,111 | 1,544,957 | 1,543,342 |
| Total West Central.... | \$19,352,525 | \$44,169,443 | \$36,165,613 | Total Pacific..... | \$96,616,199 | \$89,656,737 | \$94,737,762 |
| | | | | Total 215 Cities.... | \$596,114,034 | \$565,327,637 | \$524,093,168 |

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5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | 5 MONTHS 1956 | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | | 5 MONTHS 1956 | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| New England: | | | | Middle Atl. (Cont'd) | | | |
| Boston, Mass..... | \$20,935,041 | \$17,209,269 | \$10,248,258 | Auburn, N. Y..... | \$1,143,511 | \$613,445 | \$1,284,220 |
| Bridgeport, Conn.... | 4,366,660 | 4,626,151 | 2,063,165 | Bayonne, N. J..... | 467,261 | 1,312,207 | 545,499 |
| Bristol, Conn..... | 2,992,535 | 2,036,990 | 2,140,353 | Binghamton, N. Y... | 1,398,811 | 1,227,799 | 1,047,270 |
| Brockton, Mass..... | 6,319,983 | 3,004,513 | 2,669,249 | Buffalo, N. Y..... | 6,057,702 | 8,152,508 | 5,518,247 |
| Cambridge, Mass.... | 3,662,337 | 3,199,990 | 1,230,476 | Camden, N. J..... | 3,225,572 | 1,180,455 | 1,520,016 |
| Chelsea, Mass..... | 202,174 | 184,175 | 140,621 | East Orange, N. J... | 3,691,398 | 1,371,287 | 1,055,317 |
| Everett, Mass..... | 335,193 | 2,396,048 | 1,182,188 | Elizabeth, N. J.... | 2,161,328 | 1,257,925 | 3,828,106 |
| Fall River, Mass.... | 1,335,078 | 950,323 | 683,785 | Elmira, N. Y..... | 537,237 | 781,295 | 1,772,152 |
| Fitchburg, Mass.... | 420,320 | 770,600 | 2,131,630 | Elric, Pa..... | 5,472,305 | 5,326,135 | 4,220,377 |
| Greenwich, Conn.... | 6,464,420 | 5,940,728 | 6,324,840 | Harrisburg, Pa.... | 2,973,799 | 7,603,105 | 10,286,694 |
| Hartford, Conn..... | 2,408,950 | 24,091,747 | 4,094,969 | Jamestown, N. Y... | 1,305,759 | 3,350,630 | 985,229 |
| Haverhill, Mass.... | 463,345 | 1,084,580 | 428,080 | Jersey City, N. J... | 2,785,828 | 3,663,049 | 1,454,025 |
| Holyoke, Mass..... | 1,038,900 | 1,166,535 | 652,725 | Lancaster, Pa.... | 1,610,128 | 1,309,523 | 2,753,660 |
| Lawrence, Mass.... | 1,265,719 | 993,688 | 344,760 | Mount Vernon, N. Y. | 2,517,044 | 2,876,795 | 1,348,718 |
| Lowell, Mass..... | 1,856,730 | 961,400 | 501,310 | Newark, N. J..... | 16,461,912 | 3,124,449 | 12,927,207 |
| Lynn, Mass..... | 1,521,324 | 1,124,339 | 2,375,987 | New Brunswick, N. J. | 1,657,645 | 4,467,458 | 815,327 |
| Manchester, N. H.... | 3,024,696 | 4,010,690 | 1,831,472 | New Rochelle, N. Y. | 3,332,443 | 11,270,238 | 6,483,400 |
| Medford, Mass..... | 560,450 | 1,002,435 | 917,450 | Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 3,476,691 | 3,395,924 | 3,939,511 |
| New Bedford, Mass... | 2,696,084 | 978,412 | 1,011,894 | Philadelphia, Pa... | 53,645,260 | 58,041,080 | 65,758,500 |
| New Britain, Conn... | 1,790,175 | 2,376,000 | 1,425,705 | Pittsburgh, Pa.... | 12,921,273 | 22,499,278 | 14,543,607 |
| New Haven, Conn.... | 3,282,603 | 4,654,163 | 5,333,795 | Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | 1,922,951 | 2,075,413 | 664,639 |
| Newton, Mass..... | 1,953,099 | 3,504,690 | 4,130,601 | Reading, Pa..... | 3,462,553 | 2,392,596 | 2,015,259 |
| Norwalk, Conn..... | 6,322,009 | 6,249,093 | 3,664,711 | Rochester, N. Y.... | 4,442,994 | 8,099,114 | 7,306,768 |
| Portland, Me..... | 3,056,728 | 2,083,588 | 975,339 | Schenectady, N. Y... | 2,101,517 | 1,761,658 | 1,245,991 |
| Providence, R. I.... | 2,666,400 | 3,409,600 | 1,831,300 | Scranton, Pa..... | 1,418,985 | 1,654,433 | 1,025,070 |
| Quincy, Mass..... | 1,898,709 | 1,836,466 | 2,201,394 | Syracuse, N. Y.... | 6,893,758 | 7,820,625 | 6,210,436 |
| Salem, Mass..... | 2,444,775 | 1,167,825 | 694,814 | Troy, N. Y..... | 604,430 | 611,870 | 539,413 |
| Somerville, Mass.... | 142,971 | 381,035 | 313,606 | Union, N. J..... | 1,462,800 | 1,236,375 | 664,155 |
| Springfield, Mass... | 7,648,539 | 6,906,716 | 7,150,162 | Watertown, N. Y... | 567,858 | 374,769 | 291,339 |
| Stamford, Conn.... | 6,401,913 | 9,440,243 | 5,807,018 | White Plains, N. Y. | 7,114,453 | 1,927,729 | 3,899,471 |
| Waterbury, Conn.... | 3,061,659 | 3,466,284 | 2,333,675 | Wilkes Barre, Pa... | 602,793 | 1,031,240 | 784,548 |
| West Hartford, Conn. | 9,142,254 | 5,002,247 | 6,108,608 | Williamsport, Pa... | 869,626 | 692,445 | 648,033 |
| Worcester, Mass.... | 2,743,550 | 3,206,949 | 6,003,025 | Wilmington, Del... | 3,142,363 | 3,502,861 | 4,908,384 |
| Total New England.... | \$113,725,313 | \$129,717,712 | \$89,056,965 | Yonkers, N. Y..... | 8,793,758 | 7,178,425 | 5,488,675 |
| | | | | York, Pa..... | 1,055,237 | 802,659 | 1,373,084 |
| Middle Atlantic: | | | | Total Middle Atl.... | \$494,273,638 | \$470,522,772 | \$458,885,795 |
| Manhattan..... | \$139,938,798 | \$104,107,635 | \$95,039,275 | South Atlantic: | | | |
| Manhattan..... | 18,480,540 | 17,064,940 | 21,700,355 | Asheville, N. C.... | \$2,907,706 | \$1,313,738 | \$1,651,389 |
| Bronx..... | 28,848,720 | 23,956,342 | 16,426,435 | Atlanta, Ga..... | 25,736,475 | 34,089,578 | 23,679,934 |
| Bronx..... | 2,733,040 | 2,812,373 | 3,060,435 | Baltimore, Md..... | 1,996,595 | 3,073,329 | 1,841,005 |
| Brooklyn..... | 53,583,750 | 43,475,930 | 43,814,389 | Baltimore, Md..... | 27,268,663 | 52,315,058 | 28,473,402 |
| Brooklyn..... | 11,179,460 | 10,260,845 | 10,475,995 | Charleston, S. C... | 933,171 | 1,282,615 | 993,052 |
| Queens..... | 55,719,432 | 59,824,468 | 70,922,862 | Charlotte, N. C... | 14,895,362 | 13,570,975 | 8,125,573 |
| Queens..... | 7,112,067 | 5,229,362 | 6,680,155 | Coral Gables, Fla... | 5,048,339 | 6,700,412 | 5,849,522 |
| Richmond..... | 6,670,119 | 5,160,230 | 3,717,169 | Greensboro, N. C... | 7,354,011 | 4,627,424 | 4,868,676 |
| Richmond..... | 1,497,990 | 518,795 | 762,222 | Greenville, S. C... | 3,381,226 | 3,176,746 | 3,044,820 |
| Total New York City | \$307,763,916 | \$272,410,920 | \$272,599,292 | Jacksonville, Fla... | 8,167,751 | 7,267,733 | 27,171,690 |
| (w) New York. | (1) Alterations. | | | Lynchburg, Va..... | 5,273,835 | 4,095,798 | 2,451,597 |
| Albany, N. Y..... | \$4,331,088 | \$8,121,110 | \$3,105,344 | Macon, Ga..... | 2,378,847 | 1,122,125 | 1,891,372 |
| Allentown, Pa..... | 8,751,330 | 4,596,170 | 2,542,375 | Miami, Fla..... | 19,626,893 | 22,188,874 | 19,368,673 |
| Altoona, Pa..... | 1,204,637 | 643,817 | 680,433 | Miami Beach, Fla... | 6,707,996 | 12,200,913 | 8,072,263 |
| Atlantic City, N. J. | 2,863,665 | 763,938 | 997,399 | Norfolk, Va..... | 13,754,518 | 5,664,726 | 6,156,070 |

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | 5 MONTHS 1956 | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | | 5 MONTHS 1956 | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| South Atl. (Cont.) | | | | South Cent. (Cont.) | | | |
| Richmond, Va..... | \$13,903,113 | \$9,445,765 | \$12,388,761 | Mobile, Ala..... | \$6,442,207 | \$7,854,151 | \$5,139,809 |
| Roanoke, Va..... | 11,719,255 | 5,087,253 | 5,206,625 | Montgomery, Ala..... | 6,156,074 | 6,678,624 | 6,821,865 |
| Savannah, Ga..... | 2,272,558 | 2,380,046 | 6,321,108 | Muskogee, Okla..... | 684,810 | 475,420 | 490,508 |
| Tampa, Fla..... | 22,459,902 | 22,304,481 | 17,392,364 | Nashville, Tenn..... | 6,088,404 | 5,214,301 | 3,770,301 |
| Washington, D. C..... | 23,447,555 | 28,462,620 | 26,458,872 | New Orleans, La..... | 44,519,994 | 52,345,154 | 18,984,535 |
| Winston Salem, N. C. | 6,785,468 | 5,015,612 | 5,900,842 | Okla. City, Okla..... | 16,981,703 | 22,379,182 | 22,755,200 |
| Total South Atl..... | \$226,029,239 | \$245,585,921 | \$217,307,570 | Port Arthur, Texas... | 2,046,120 | 2,223,929 | 1,476,648 |
| East Central: | | | | San Angelo, Texas... | 2,991,433 | 3,473,768 | 3,735,732 |
| Akron, Ohio..... | \$18,660,680 | \$13,684,015 | \$11,097,640 | San Antonio, Texas... | 30,076,027 | 26,935,535 | 18,492,366 |
| Bay City, Mich..... | 2,606,303 | 2,123,173 | 1,727,365 | Shreveport, La..... | 11,860,150 | 16,272,693 | 8,529,444 |
| Berwyn, Ills..... | 1,550,120 | 2,864,854 | 1,929,639 | Tulsa, Okla..... | 8,651,764 | 10,881,082 | 8,443,800 |
| Bluefield, W. Va..... | 384,702 | 731,809 | 463,180 | Waco, Texas..... | 7,016,688 | 5,870,693 | 5,077,650 |
| Canton, Ohio..... | 2,981,698 | 2,676,467 | 1,810,568 | Wichita Falls, Texas... | 4,314,000 | 5,573,407 | 3,604,748 |
| Chicago, Ills..... | 140,624,329 | 105,614,200 | 93,923,900 | Total South Cent..... | \$429,000,159 | \$454,091,412 | \$330,472,032 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio.... | 21,376,555 | 16,512,850 | 25,031,635 | West Central: | | | |
| Clarksville, W. Va.... | 703,432 | 858,389 | 1,316,510 | Cedar Rapids, Iowa... | \$7,134,977 | \$5,635,909 | \$3,196,702 |
| Cleveland, Ohio.... | 35,240,200 | 29,595,300 | 27,954,900 | Davenport, Iowa.... | 5,290,145 | 5,589,274 | 3,507,901 |
| Columbus, Ohio..... | 21,031,080 | 15,866,940 | 13,679,560 | Des Moines, Iowa.... | 8,808,027 | 13,926,108 | 9,304,242 |
| Dayton, Ohio..... | 8,496,659 | 14,078,723 | 8,378,277 | Dubuque, Iowa..... | 2,985,612 | 1,634,147 | 1,108,251 |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 44,897,139 | 55,641,160 | 50,899,916 | Duluth, Minn..... | 5,019,583 | 7,766,320 | 1,261,325 |
| East St. Louis, Ills... | 2,978,450 | 1,310,887 | 2,202,794 | Fargo, N. D..... | 2,566,630 | 3,361,672 | 1,888,292 |
| Evansville, Inds..... | 7,195,797 | 5,903,439 | 5,675,425 | Kansas City, Kas.... | 3,544,171 | 4,455,618 | 4,468,558 |
| Evansville, Inds..... | 2,485,257 | 2,026,437 | 2,783,000 | Kansas City, Mo.... | 19,228,000 | 28,867,000 | 24,155,000 |
| Flint, Mich..... | 10,057,335 | 12,183,825 | 11,840,620 | Lincoln, Neb..... | 5,585,383 | 9,629,735 | 5,411,453 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind..... | 6,476,933 | 7,041,373 | 11,304,028 | Minneapolis, Minn... | 12,743,029 | 18,360,543 | 11,446,800 |
| Garfield, Ind..... | 9,579,007 | 6,815,794 | 10,505,055 | Omaha, Neb..... | 11,515,616 | 9,829,462 | 6,639,360 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich... | 3,716,805 | 5,395,905 | 3,568,671 | St. Joseph, Mo..... | 1,992,650 | 3,352,345 | 601,865 |
| Green Bay Wis..... | 5,046,145 | 8,712,917 | 4,462,918 | St. Louis, Mo..... | 15,249,381 | 14,862,959 | 23,746,339 |
| Hammond, Ind..... | 7,921,814 | 6,110,852 | 6,674,255 | St. Paul, Minn..... | 14,762,114 | 14,517,798 | 16,585,141 |
| Huntington, W. Va.... | 2,105,094 | 2,021,226 | 1,932,275 | St. Paul, Minn..... | 2,409,125 | 1,841,425 | 1,792,046 |
| Indianapolis, Ind.... | 19,910,580 | 11,065,252 | 16,380,225 | St. Paul, Minn..... | 4,081,762 | 4,616,174 | 2,971,912 |
| Indianapolis, Ind.... | 5,069,693 | 8,541,098 | 3,563,813 | Topeka, Kas..... | 1,970,974 | 1,970,974 | 4,649,282 |
| Lima, Ohio..... | 2,051,133 | 1,150,650 | 914,730 | Wichita, Kas..... | 15,554,436 | 23,997,935 | 14,821,456 |
| Louisville, Ky..... | 15,960,934 | 9,721,722 | 13,777,122 | Total West Central... | \$143,675,701 | \$182,237,598 | \$139,550,925 |
| Madison, Wis..... | 4,322,392 | 5,903,164 | 3,905,613 | Mountain: | | | |
| Milwaukee, Wis..... | 46,951,719 | 40,375,279 | 38,351,175 | Albuquerque, N. M.... | \$13,641,260 | \$18,573,975 | \$14,888,948 |
| Newark, Ohio..... | 1,485,065 | 2,093,170 | 1,363,665 | Billings, Mont..... | 2,795,850 | 5,363,600 | 2,362,420 |
| Oak Park, Ills..... | 1,978,828 | 1,830,793 | 753,964 | Boise, Idaho..... | 1,811,105 | 2,812,841 | 1,387,935 |
| Peoria, Ills..... | 4,328,518 | 4,554,320 | 3,472,129 | Butte, Mont..... | 440,813 | 419,561 | 391,359 |
| Pontiac, Mich..... | 3,106,288 | 3,782,662 | 2,946,130 | Colorado Springs, Col. | 7,157,265 | 9,263,576 | 4,027,293 |
| Quincy, Ills..... | 1,387,652 | 1,579,711 | 1,422,417 | Denver, Col..... | 42,284,649 | 44,972,200 | 32,517,105 |
| Racine, Wis..... | 5,880,524 | 5,911,023 | 3,865,790 | Great Falls, Mont... | 5,521,239 | 2,485,384 | 1,344,100 |
| Rockford, Ills..... | 10,086,790 | 8,427,785 | 6,893,650 | Ogden, Utah..... | 4,440,900 | 4,979,775 | 2,608,100 |
| Saginaw, Mich..... | 4,733,680 | 3,999,837 | 3,632,735 | Phoenix, Ariz..... | 9,897,444 | 7,637,428 | 9,253,624 |
| South Bend, Ind..... | 4,677,926 | 6,570,224 | 7,728,302 | Pueblo, Colo..... | 4,265,548 | 5,218,158 | 3,055,975 |
| Springfield, Ills... | 6,095,443 | 2,025,950 | 10,349,208 | Salt Lake City, U.S. | 8,717,499 | 7,419,163 | 5,987,070 |
| Springfield, Ohio... | 1,166,185 | 1,773,250 | 1,529,100 | Tucson, Ariz..... | 8,014,322 | 5,015,589 | 3,703,712 |
| Superior, Wis..... | 1,520,173 | 312,016 | 891,952 | Total Mountain..... | \$106,987,894 | \$113,161,250 | \$84,327,641 |
| Terre Haute, Ind.... | 1,318,283 | 1,844,452 | 2,271,840 | Pacific: | | | |
| Toledo, Ohio..... | 7,709,930 | 8,610,454 | 6,265,391 | Bakersfield, Cal.... | \$6,331,904 | \$4,796,979 | \$10,790,341 |
| Waukegan, Ills..... | 6,950,955 | 2,551,769 | 8,187,383 | Berkeley, Cal..... | 3,613,246 | 4,187,787 | 2,779,820 |
| Wheeling, W. Va..... | 2,077,811 | 5,679,140 | 1,382,350 | Beverly Hills, Cal... | 3,379,144 | 4,435,609 | 5,130,149 |
| Youngstown, Ohio.... | 8,027,809 | 5,235,524 | 4,202,199 | Fresno, Cal..... | 7,661,527 | 14,529,255 | 9,374,857 |
| Zanesville, Ohio.... | 421,085 | 224,129 | 208,420 | Glendale, Cal..... | 9,335,478 | 6,169,524 | 6,363,137 |
| Total East Central... | \$523,336,930 | \$461,535,916 | \$443,421,434 | Long Beach, Cal.... | 30,573,430 | 33,022,260 | 16,881,810 |
| South Central: | | | | Los Angeles, Cal.... | 186,307,790 | 172,751,746 | 158,474,914 |
| Abilene, Texas..... | \$11,791,037 | \$8,074,954 | \$4,555,166 | Oakland, Cal..... | 14,300,591 | 11,894,270 | 8,464,059 |
| Amario, Texas..... | 8,773,263 | 11,677,263 | 7,400,818 | Pasadena, Cal..... | 8,444,352 | 8,110,076 | 6,401,349 |
| Austin, Texas..... | 22,206,589 | 16,390,816 | 16,880,913 | Portland, Ore..... | 19,683,000 | 20,733,315 | 15,758,365 |
| Beaumont, Texas..... | 5,810,042 | 4,191,756 | 3,990,813 | Sacramento, Cal.... | 18,543,444 | 12,092,107 | 8,243,867 |
| Birmingham, Ala.... | 18,622,092 | 15,049,062 | 9,325,741 | San Diego, Cal..... | 37,244,131 | 35,908,947 | 36,063,781 |
| Chattanooga, Tenn... | 5,000,711 | 3,235,376 | 4,997,055 | San Francisco, Cal... | 30,585,656 | 23,307,363 | 18,282,901 |
| Dallas, Texas..... | 68,798,641 | 75,020,795 | 53,175,724 | San Jose, Cal..... | 22,696,414 | 15,000,514 | 7,855,125 |
| El Paso, Texas..... | 12,824,813 | 16,075,241 | 8,609,751 | Seattle, Wash..... | 29,339,340 | 32,975,165 | 28,906,835 |
| Fort Smith, Ark..... | 2,180,824 | 1,826,052 | 1,892,669 | Spokane, Wash..... | 13,704,715 | 10,505,233 | 15,549,855 |
| Fort Worth, Texas... | 18,807,289 | 25,205,928 | 16,833,940 | Stockton, Cal..... | 6,059,727 | 4,503,756 | 4,041,564 |
| Galveston, Texas... | 2,385,167 | 1,263,722 | 3,123,200 | Tacoma, Wash..... | 7,027,699 | 6,442,170 | 6,502,165 |
| Houston, Texas..... | 68,100,341 | 70,529,654 | 61,043,321 | Total Pacific..... | \$455,291,588 | \$421,366,076 | \$365,884,894 |
| Jackson, Miss..... | 7,208,367 | 6,516,166 | 4,337,240 | Total 217 Cities.... | \$2,492,320,462 | \$2,478,218,657 | \$2,128,907,256 |
| Knoxville, Tenn.... | 5,503,199 | 4,368,086 | 2,793,140 | | | | |
| Little Rock, Ark.... | 3,901,459 | 5,650,343 | 4,664,972 | | | | |
| Memphis, Tenn..... | 19,234,961 | 20,638,239 | 19,053,963 | | | | |

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1954 TO DATE

| | TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES | | | NEW YORK CITY | | | OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| Jan.... | \$431,357,658 | \$406,628,525 | \$345,352,829 | \$61,735,949 | \$49,423,105 | \$32,068,684 | \$369,621,709 | \$357,205,420 | \$313,284,145 |
| Feb.... | 437,622,349 | 442,092,367 | 345,986,529 | 89,172,555 | 47,687,734 | 51,047,477 | 394,449,794 | 394,404,633 | 294,939,052 |
| Mar.... | 503,133,253 | 542,997,099 | 512,663,611 | 52,512,472 | 59,577,583 | 99,045,726 | 450,620,781 | 483,419,516 | 413,617,885 |
| Apr.... | 524,093,168 | 521,173,029 | 489,888,668 | 33,453,589 | 49,939,864 | 55,063,895 | 490,639,579 | 471,231,165 | 414,824,973 |
| May.... | 596,114,034 | 565,327,637 | 435,915,419 | 70,889,351 | 65,785,634 | 35,173,510 | 525,224,683 | 494,545,003 | 399,641,909 |
| June.... | 634,030,839 | 523,169,936 | 448,439,021 | 99,080,484 | 39,149,744 | 44,444,444 | 534,950,355 | 444,020,192 | 414,020,192 |
| July.... | 511,841,797 | 448,439,021 | 448,439,021 | 51,383,412 | 40,301,251 | 40,301,251 | 460,458,385 | 408,137,770 | 408,137,770 |
| Aug.... | 555,829,122 | 459,157,830 | 459,157,830 | 41,436,766 | 30,841,192 | 30,841,192 | 514,392,356 | 428,316,638 | 428,316,638 |
| Sept.... | 477,025,801 | 482,032,488 | 482,032,488 | 58,177,460 | 47,413,380 | 47,413,380 | 418,846,341 | 418,846,341 | 418,846,341 |
| Oct.... | 487,392,751 | 463,728,026 | 463,728,026 | 44,087,975 | 30,760,116 | 30,760,116 | 443,304,776 | 432,967,101 | 432,967,101 |
| Nov.... | 429,366,384 | 427,879,197 | 427,879,197 | 55,764,815 | 45,105,814 | 45,105,814 | 373,601,569 | 382,683,383 | 382,683,383 |
| Dec.... | 345,091,618 | 408,940,808 | 408,940,808 | 45,121,585 | 40,309,360 | 40,309,360 | 303,970,013 | 368,611,448 | 368,611,448 |
| Total.... | \$5,922,796,969 | \$5,342,254,502 | \$4,607,463,417 | \$607,463,417 | \$546,570,149 | \$479,684,113 | \$5,255,333,552 | \$4,795,684,413 | \$4,128,907,256 |

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

| | MAY 1956 | APR. 1956 | MAR. 1956 | MAY 1955 | 1956 | FIVE MONTHS 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| NEW ENGLAND | | | | | | | | |
| Maine..... | 48 | 42 | 42 | 46 | 239 | 231 | 176 | 184 |
| New Hampshire..... | 38 | 44 | 48 | 44 | 209 | 190 | 170 | 166 |
| Vermont..... | 29 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 111 | 99 | 73 | 80 |
| Massachusetts..... | 387 | 341 | 305 | 328 | 1,740 | 1,675 | 1,493 | 1,441 |
| Connecticut..... | 200 | 228 | 191 | 158 | 1,044 | 999 | 766 | 773 |
| Rhode Island..... | 71 | 108 | 103 | 83 | 507 | 507 | 405 | 341 |
| Total New England..... | 773 | 788 | 714 | 674 | 3,850 | 3,701 | 3,083 | 2,985 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | |
| New York..... | 2,544 | 2,434 | 2,429 | 2,457 | 12,901 | 13,070 | 11,042 | 10,537 |
| New Jersey..... | 876 | 807 | 808 | 741 | 4,114 | 3,823 | 3,092 | 3,026 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 602 | 335 | 421 | 385 | 2,188 | 1,848 | 1,655 | 1,502 |
| Total Middle Atlantic..... | 4,022 | 3,576 | 3,658 | 3,583 | 19,203 | 18,741 | 15,789 | 15,065 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio..... | 753 | 725 | 828 | 662 | 3,848 | 3,487 | 2,876 | 2,620 |
| Indiana..... | 205 | 184 | 236 | 163 | 1,014 | 940 | 735 | 745 |
| Illinois..... | 597 | 646 | 738 | 543 | 3,313 | 2,655 | 2,251 | 2,162 |
| Michigan..... | 376 | 380 | 451 | 294 | 2,119 | 2,012 | 1,683 | 1,422 |
| Wisconsin..... | 221 | 232 | 201 | 178 | 1,092 | 966 | 706 | 577 |
| Total East North Central..... | 2,152 | 2,167 | 2,454 | 1,840 | 11,386 | 10,060 | 8,251 | 7,526 |
| WEST NORTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota..... | 141 | 145 | 144 | 182 | 717 | 840 | 655 | 566 |
| Iowa..... | 58 | 76 | 107 | 45 | 368 | 330 | 230 | 222 |
| Missouri..... | 172 | 175 | 230 | 208 | 1,057 | 1,130 | 833 | 855 |
| North Dakota..... | 20 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 99 | 98 | 76 | 110 |
| South Dakota..... | 18 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 102 | 129 | 96 | 109 |
| Nebraska..... | 39 | 45 | 66 | 52 | 281 | 267 | 217 | 153 |
| Kansas..... | 58 | 65 | 76 | 150 | 364 | 500 | 324 | 253 |
| Total West North Central..... | 506 | 547 | 669 | 682 | 2,988 | 3,294 | 2,431 | 2,268 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland..... | 229 | 265 | 236 | 263 | 1,159 | 1,209 | 922 | 912 |
| Delaware..... | 316 | 287 | 277 | 327 | 1,405 | 1,633 | 1,193 | 1,215 |
| Virginia..... | 227 | 181 | 212 | 182 | 1,052 | 849 | 689 | 700 |
| West Virginia..... | 54 | 72 | 66 | 53 | 329 | 285 | 309 | 268 |
| North Carolina..... | 155 | 169 | 145 | 152 | 811 | 776 | 589 | 623 |
| South Carolina..... | 96 | 81 | 83 | 49 | 468 | 351 | 297 | 281 |
| Georgia..... | 193 | 174 | 197 | 163 | 935 | 896 | 698 | 584 |
| Florida..... | 720 | 770 | 788 | 668 | 3,630 | 3,082 | 2,169 | 2,092 |
| Total South Atlantic..... | 1,990 | 1,999 | 2,004 | 1,857 | 9,789 | 9,081 | 6,866 | 6,675 |
| EAST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky..... | 93 | 98 | 100 | 93 | 509 | 469 | 321 | 293 |
| Tennessee..... | 123 | 101 | 142 | 106 | 636 | 656 | 544 | 494 |
| Alabama..... | 89 | 89 | 104 | 112 | 506 | 456 | 298 | 321 |
| Mississippi..... | 74 | 34 | 57 | 51 | 278 | 267 | 207 | 175 |
| Total East South Central..... | 379 | 322 | 403 | 362 | 1,929 | 1,848 | 1,370 | 1,283 |
| WEST SOUTH CENTRAL | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas..... | 50 | 59 | 68 | 47 | 330 | 246 | 166 | 229 |
| Oklahoma..... | 109 | 125 | 121 | 136 | 632 | 676 | 503 | 441 |
| Louisiana..... | 171 | 177 | 161 | 111 | 824 | 666 | 455 | 495 |
| Texas..... | 467 | 733 | 353 | 467 | 2,689 | 2,296 | 1,921 | 1,708 |
| Total West South Central..... | 797 | 1,094 | 703 | 761 | 4,475 | 3,884 | 3,045 | 2,873 |
| MOUNTAIN | | | | | | | | |
| Montana..... | 44 | 35 | 33 | 36 | 156 | 159 | 139 | 130 |
| Idaho..... | 28 | 51 | 29 | 41 | 207 | 194 | 144 | 144 |
| Wyoming..... | 27 | 18 | 26 | 22 | 120 | 139 | 100 | 80 |
| Colorado..... | 184 | 152 | 173 | 226 | 783 | 958 | 541 | 428 |
| New Mexico..... | 47 | 53 | 29 | 40 | 196 | 205 | 139 | 139 |
| Arizona..... | 118 | 103 | 130 | 107 | 587 | 541 | 423 | 343 |
| Utah..... | 54 | 60 | 41 | 61 | 250 | 326 | 227 | 182 |
| Nevada..... | 92 | 90 | 89 | 143 | 442 | 676 | 382 | 334 |
| Total Mountain..... | 594 | 562 | 550 | 676 | 2,741 | 3,198 | 2,095 | 1,780 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | |
| Washington..... | 140 | 116 | 171 | 160 | 731 | 801 | 558 | 570 |
| Oregon..... | 104 | 70 | 124 | 120 | 499 | 544 | 330 | 398 |
| California..... | 1,685 | 1,234 | 1,372 | 1,314 | 6,714 | 6,600 | 4,324 | 4,122 |
| Total Pacific..... | 1,929 | 1,420 | 1,667 | 1,594 | 7,944 | 7,945 | 5,212 | 5,090 |
| TOTAL 48 STATES..... | 13,142 | 12,475 | 12,822 | 12,029 | 64,305 | 61,752 | 48,142 | 45,545 |

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—1946 to Date

| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 | 1947 | 1946 |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| January..... | 13,363 | 13,181 | 9,543 | 9,468 | 8,357 | 8,515 | 9,070 | 7,906 | 11,000 | 12,112 | 13,006 |
| February..... | 12,503 | 11,369 | 8,533 | 7,943 | 7,138 | 6,590 | 7,736 | 6,362 | 7,873 | 9,111 | 10,554 |
| March..... | 12,822 | 13,417 | 10,514 | 9,659 | 7,902 | 7,649 | 9,180 | 7,637 | 9,346 | 10,247 | 12,225 |
| April..... | 12,475 | 11,756 | 10,272 | 9,507 | 8,284 | 7,653 | 8,375 | 7,273 | 9,223 | 9,802 | 12,469 |
| May..... | 13,142 | 12,029 | 9,280 | 8,968 | 7,915 | 7,544 | 9,216 | 7,445 | 8,246 | 9,179 | 12,044 |
| June..... | ..... | 12,605 | 9,748 | 8,926 | 7,819 | 6,810 | 8,861 | 7,260 | 8,550 | 8,922 | 11,402 |
| July..... | ..... | 10,893 | 9,409 | 8,703 | 7,549 | 6,428 | 7,191 | 6,424 | 7,690 | 9,041 | 11,987 |
| August..... | ..... | 10,983 | 9,041 | 7,487 | 7,088 | 6,496 | 7,201 | 6,828 | 7,723 | 8,055 | 10,400 |
| September..... | ..... | 11,024 | 9,256 | 7,433 | 7,529 | 6,950 | 6,277 | 6,867 | 6,930 | 8,561 | 9,551 |
| October..... | ..... | 10,698 | 9,852 | 8,267 | 8,223 | 6,812 | 6,782 | 6,877 | 6,686 | 9,609 | 10,799 |
| November..... | ..... | 10,157 | 9,735 | 7,269 | 6,741 | 6,289 | 6,256 | 6,755 | 6,413 | 7,873 | 8,485 |
| December..... | ..... | 11,539 | 11,981 | 8,915 | 8,274 | 6,913 | 6,780 | 7,857 | 7,421 | 10,126 | 9,994 |
| Total..... | ..... | 139,651 | 117,164 | 102,545 | 92,819 | 83,649 | 92,925 | 85,491 | 96,101 | 112,638 | 132,916 |

Failures by Divisions of Industry—May and 5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | NUMBER OF FAILURES | | | | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------------|-------|-------|---|--------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | |
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| Mining & Manufacturing: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous... | 3 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 27 | 235 | 355 | 481 | 3,736 | 2,416 | 5,718 |
| Food & Kindred Products..... | 15 | 10 | 16 | 90 | 63 | 74 | 534 | 511 | 1,083 | 5,588 | 5,187 | 8,741 |
| Textile Mill Products & Apparel... | 59 | 35 | 41 | 277 | 207 | 245 | 5,486 | 1,547 | 2,295 | 19,171 | 10,286 | 12,465 |
| Lumber & Lumber Products..... | 47 | 32 | 30 | 178 | 131 | 141 | 2,543 | 1,089 | 1,796 | 11,810 | 5,801 | 7,540 |
| Paper, Printing & Publishing..... | 15 | 8 | 12 | 47 | 48 | 61 | 793 | 190 | 2,743 | 2,107 | 2,243 | 6,165 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products..... | 9 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 35 | 8,333 | 583 | 248 | 10,715 | 1,547 | 1,625 |
| Leather & Leather Products..... | 11 | 9 | 15 | 42 | 38 | 41 | 1,063 | 404 | 804 | 2,712 | 2,057 | 2,777 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products..... | 4 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 26 | 37 | 70 | 189 | 2,364 | 1,154 | 873 |
| Iron, Steel & Products..... | 6 | 10 | 4 | 53 | 64 | 52 | 480 | 244 | 742 | 5,118 | 6,810 | 6,803 |
| Machinery..... | 29 | 23 | 30 | 133 | 123 | 121 | 5,055 | 4,016 | 2,873 | 16,174 | 21,328 | 22,402 |
| Transportation Equipment..... | 6 | 5 | 9 | 27 | 22 | 23 | 214 | 249 | 1,041 | 2,168 | 2,299 | 3,068 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 41 | 24 | 28 | 167 | 166 | 151 | 3,477 | 4,835 | 1,326 | 11,667 | 13,097 | 8,245 |
| Total Mining & Manufacturing..... | 245 | 168 | 200 | 1,066 | 930 | 997 | 28,450 | 14,093 | 15,621 | 93,330 | 74,225 | 86,022 |
| Wholesale Trade: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food & Farm Products..... | 21 | 21 | 30 | 115 | 128 | 122 | 1,031 | 895 | 1,680 | 4,214 | 5,407 | 5,498 |
| Apparel..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 30 | 19 | 310 | 75 | 150 | 1,187 | 953 | 407 |
| Dry Goods..... | 3 | 3 | 9 | 17 | 18 | 30 | 40 | 97 | 285 | 340 | 694 | 1,223 |
| Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware..... | 18 | 7 | 5 | 76 | 56 | 44 | 813 | 657 | 311 | 4,685 | 3,136 | 2,207 |
| Chemicals & Drugs..... | 2 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 20 | 28 | 56 | 96 | 313 | 361 | 519 |
| Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 28 | 20 | 101 | 44 | 69 | 1,184 | 693 | 640 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 66 | 47 | 36 | 267 | 242 | 207 | 3,390 | 1,040 | 1,908 | 12,742 | 9,152 | 11,472 |
| Total Wholesale Trade..... | 118 | 87 | 91 | 546 | 517 | 462 | 5,713 | 2,864 | 4,499 | 24,665 | 20,396 | 21,966 |
| Retail Trade: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food & Liquor..... | 97 | 128 | 90 | 424 | 455 | 438 | 1,360 | 1,857 | 1,155 | 6,092 | 7,326 | 6,136 |
| General Merchandise..... | 20 | 10 | 16 | 118 | 82 | 88 | 482 | 908 | 2,240 | 5,516 | 2,878 | 4,263 |
| Apparel & Accessories..... | 138 | 69 | 65 | 540 | 388 | 393 | 2,288 | 1,186 | 1,114 | 10,704 | 7,306 | 7,985 |
| Furniture, Home Furnishings..... | 59 | 67 | 82 | 339 | 359 | 435 | 2,164 | 1,665 | 2,444 | 10,813 | 10,680 | 26,254 |
| Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware..... | 31 | 27 | 30 | 153 | 136 | 137 | 1,211 | 978 | 874 | 4,959 | 3,794 | 4,087 |
| Automotive Group..... | 67 | 47 | 41 | 299 | 204 | 256 | 1,374 | 824 | 1,266 | 11,300 | 4,631 | 8,041 |
| Eating & Drinking Places..... | 98 | 88 | 79 | 463 | 435 | 406 | 2,486 | 2,486 | 1,484 | 9,812 | 9,132 | 7,133 |
| Drug Stores..... | 12 | 14 | 12 | 67 | 60 | 67 | 173 | 405 | 309 | 1,543 | 1,408 | 1,303 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 53 | 49 | 45 | 258 | 252 | 225 | 1,704 | 956 | 853 | 5,334 | 4,804 | 4,403 |
| Total Retail Trade..... | 575 | 499 | 460 | 2,656 | 2,371 | 2,445 | 13,242 | 10,874 | 11,739 | 66,073 | 52,186 | 70,205 |
| Construction: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Building Contractors..... | 54 | 43 | 32 | 268 | 174 | 183 | 5,792 | 1,958 | 1,432 | 20,976 | 18,634 | 10,332 |
| Building Sub-Contractors..... | 73 | 75 | 72 | 394 | 333 | 328 | 2,945 | 2,821 | 1,912 | 15,881 | 12,132 | 9,972 |
| Other Contractors..... | 5 | 3 | 7 | 40 | 28 | 30 | 140 | 106 | 330 | 2,120 | 1,705 | 1,565 |
| Total Construction..... | 132 | 121 | 111 | 702 | 535 | 541 | 8,877 | 4,885 | 3,674 | 38,977 | 32,471 | 21,869 |
| Commercial Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Passenger & Freight Transportation... | 24 | 25 | 26 | 126 | 102 | 123 | 640 | 803 | 1,502 | 5,000 | 6,245 | 7,665 |
| Miscellaneous Public Services..... | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 36 | 22 | 48 | 496 | 183 | 858 |
| Hotels..... | 9 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 18 | 15 | 1,754 | 475 | 581 | 3,887 | 2,375 | 1,283 |
| Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing..... | 10 | 8 | 9 | 47 | 43 | 47 | 168 | 209 | 127 | 683 | 666 | 813 |
| Laundries..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 25 | 11 | 81 | 37 | 7 | 451 | 754 | 177 |
| Undertakers..... | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 74 | 10 |
| Other Personal Services..... | 7 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 30 | 20 | 85 | 10 | 50 | 387 | 296 | 324 |
| Business & Repair Services..... | 35 | 33 | 33 | 153 | 131 | 133 | 855 | 442 | 646 | 2,514 | 1,948 | 4,460 |
| Total Commercial Service..... | 94 | 80 | 81 | 421 | 359 | 368 | 3,619 | 1,998 | 2,961 | 13,428 | 12,541 | 15,590 |
| Total United States..... | 1,164 | 955 | 943 | 5,391 | 4,712 | 4,813 | 59,901 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 236,473 | 191,819 | 215,652 |

Failures in Large Cities—May and 5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| Cities (1940 Population Ranking) | NUMBER OF FAILURES | | | | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------------|-------|-------|---|--------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | |
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| New York, N. Y..... | 219 | 174 | 197 | 982 | 925 | 1,061 | 11,046 | 3,663 | 6,300 | 39,816 | 34,854 | 43,420 |
| Chicago, Ills..... | 30 | 31 | 33 | 120 | 129 | 147 | 4,467 | 763 | 973 | 12,183 | 4,877 | 22,775 |
| Philadelphia, Pa..... | 38 | 18 | 16 | 138 | 95 | 79 | 1,393 | 249 | 1,160 | 5,184 | 3,124 | 2,268 |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 12 | 6 | 6 | 57 | 46 | 30 | 1,124 | 232 | 309 | 2,600 | 5,597 | 1,547 |
| Los Angeles, Cal..... | 31 | 25 | 38 | 153 | 164 | 212 | 1,660 | 503 | 577 | 5,859 | 5,028 | 5,932 |
| Cleveland, Ohio..... | 10 | 6 | 10 | 54 | 33 | 43 | 485 | 294 | 401 | 1,967 | 1,371 | 1,849 |
| Baltimore, Md..... | 5 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 60 | 65 | 190 | 709 | 190 | 1,474 | 2,135 | 1,432 |
| St. Louis, Mo..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 13 | 6 | 167 | 42 | 100 | 1,301 | 149 | 190 |
| Boston, Mass..... | 6 | 12 | 10 | 44 | 63 | 45 | 213 | 258 | 443 | 2,773 | 2,028 | 1,657 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa..... | 6 | 11 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 28 | 106 | 60 | 165 | 466 | 7,709 | 1,549 |
| Washington, D. C..... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 30 | 21 | 199 | 2,337 | 304 | 6,423 | 3,674 |
| San Francisco, Cal..... | 21 | 17 | 15 | 69 | 86 | 70 | 840 | 844 | 768 | 1,884 | 3,352 | 2,660 |
| Milwaukee, Wisc..... | 10 | 15 | 9 | 43 | 63 | 27 | 187 | 388 | 166 | 874 | 1,459 | 660 |
| Buffalo, N. Y..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 25 | 26 | 1,592 | 626 | 91 | 2,715 | 1,446 | 715 |
| New Orleans, La..... | 7 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 15 | 8 | 133 | 368 | 13 | 1,236 | 269 | 289 |
| Minneapolis, Minn..... | 3 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 361 | 36 | 72 | 1,407 | 488 | 1,226 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio..... | 5 | 2 | .. | 21 | 12 | 17 | 142 | 51 | .. | 713 | 503 | 795 |
| Newark, N. J..... | 8 | 9 | 7 | 46 | 39 | 37 | 237 | 327 | 201 | 2,403 | 2,449 | 880 |
| Kansas City, Mo..... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 17 | 450 | 174 | 67 | 861 | 275 | 777 |
| Indianapolis, Ind..... | .. | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 11 | .. | 40 | 19 | 137 | 305 | 126 |
| Houston, Texas..... | 4 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 331 | 116 | 124 | 1,357 | 603 | 1,133 |
| Seattle, Wash..... | 13 | 10 | 6 | 52 | 33 | 23 | 229 | 215 | 175 | 1,663 | 825 | 516 |
| Rochester, N. Y..... | 3 | 6 | 6 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 52 | 127 | 203 | 1,354 | 284 | 316 |
| Louisville, Ky..... | 1 | 2 | .. | 18 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 194 | .. | 640 | 267 | 225 |
| Denver, Col..... | 8 | 3 | 3 | 43 | 23 | 19 | 218 | 292 | 79 | 1,188 | 864 | 881 |
| Total 25 Cities..... | 455 | 367 | 403 | 2,052 | 1,936 | 2,060 | 25,606 | 10,435 | 15,053 | 91,491 | 81,651 | 98,252 |
| Balance of Country..... | 709 | 588 | 540 | 3,339 | 2,776 | 2,753 | 34,295 | 24,279 | 23,441 | 144,982 | 110,168 | 117,400 |
| Total United States..... | 1,164 | 955 | 943 | 5,391 | 4,712 | 4,813 | 59,901 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 236,473 | 191,819 | 215,652 |

United States Failures by States—May and 5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | NUMBER OF FAILURES | | | | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------------|-------|-------|---|--------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | |
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| New England: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 18 | 20 | 51 | 65 | 19 | 284 | 563 | 884 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 19 | 15 | 9 | 398 | 813 | 216 |
| Vermont..... | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 5 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 242 | 184 | 10 |
| Massachusetts..... | 32 | 39 | 42 | 164 | 177 | 159 | 1,020 | 951 | 2,346 | 7,293 | 6,636 | 7,172 |
| Connecticut..... | 16 | 23 | 15 | 63 | 81 | 71 | 285 | 680 | 1,174 | 3,429 | 2,373 | 3,742 |
| Rhode Island..... | 16 | 9 | 8 | 80 | 42 | 43 | 499 | 1,660 | 256 | 5,067 | 2,783 | 1,262 |
| Total New England..... | 67 | 75 | 69 | 326 | 340 | 305 | 1,874 | 3,371 | 3,804 | 16,813 | 13,352 | 13,286 |
| Middle Atlantic: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New York..... | 278 | 222 | 247 | 1,296 | 1,186 | 1,300 | 14,869 | 5,315 | 7,913 | 53,750 | 44,837 | 50,022 |
| New Jersey..... | 57 | 38 | 34 | 262 | 185 | 193 | 2,664 | 2,854 | 4,092 | 13,454 | 11,077 | 11,499 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 77 | 44 | 32 | 313 | 259 | 203 | 2,637 | 1,486 | 1,662 | 13,756 | 10,658 | 14,511 |
| Total Middle Atlantic..... | 412 | 304 | 313 | 1,871 | 1,630 | 1,696 | 20,170 | 9,655 | 13,667 | 80,960 | 66,582 | 76,032 |
| East North Central: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio..... | 40 | 33 | 30 | 202 | 150 | 170 | 1,514 | 1,394 | 828 | 9,242 | 5,088 | 7,073 |
| Indiana..... | 6 | 14 | 12 | 41 | 47 | 63 | 156 | 280 | 254 | 2,243 | 2,650 | 2,111 |
| Illinois..... | 47 | 45 | 46 | 199 | 185 | 220 | 4,914 | 1,183 | 1,515 | 15,215 | 6,492 | 26,162 |
| Michigan..... | 26 | 14 | 17 | 149 | 95 | 81 | 1,861 | 389 | 829 | 7,387 | 7,595 | 3,581 |
| Wisconsin..... | 22 | 35 | 19 | 103 | 149 | 80 | 422 | 1,279 | 1,209 | 2,629 | 3,799 | 2,620 |
| Total East North Central.. | 141 | 141 | 124 | 694 | 626 | 614 | 8,867 | 4,525 | 4,635 | 36,716 | 25,624 | 41,549 |
| West North Central: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota..... | 14 | 7 | 9 | 67 | 48 | 53 | 712 | 121 | 216 | 2,732 | 3,880 | 2,658 |
| Iowa..... | 9 | 5 | 5 | 36 | 18 | 19 | 250 | 71 | 222 | 1,169 | 799 | 1,445 |
| Missouri..... | 12 | 6 | 6 | 55 | 34 | 43 | 752 | 229 | 203 | 2,828 | 996 | 1,512 |
| North Dakota..... | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 100 | .. | .. | 229 | .. | .. |
| South Dakota..... | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | .. | .. | 13 | 66 | 18 |
| Nebraska..... | 1 | .. | 2 | 11 | 8 | 18 | 5 | .. | 72 | 447 | 1,889 | 716 |
| Kansas..... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 20 | 22 | 235 | 90 | 46 | 2,224 | 657 | 566 |
| Total West North Central.. | 43 | 21 | 24 | 206 | 131 | 156 | 2,061 | 511 | 759 | 9,642 | 8,217 | 6,915 |
| South Atlantic: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland..... | 10 | 13 | 16 | 63 | 71 | 87 | 345 | 840 | 235 | 2,599 | 2,575 | 1,812 |
| Delaware..... | 2 | 3 | .. | 13 | 16 | 30 | 25 | 4 | .. | 196 | 19 | 18 |
| District of Columbia..... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 30 | 21 | 199 | 2,337 | 104 | 6,422 | 3,673 |
| Virginia..... | 6 | 7 | 6 | 46 | 26 | 49 | 916 | 301 | 724 | 2,301 | 1,017 | 2,120 |
| West Virginia..... | 3 | 9 | 10 | 28 | 44 | 38 | 138 | 50 | 211 | 570 | 1,532 | 1,042 |
| North Carolina..... | 11 | 4 | 5 | 47 | 24 | 39 | 724 | 68 | 113 | 1,547 | 1,511 | 1,460 |
| South Carolina..... | 11 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 23 | 19 | 81 | 19 | 7 | 583 | 1,222 | 792 |
| Georgia..... | 11 | 12 | 9 | 66 | 58 | 70 | 205 | 236 | 280 | 2,105 | 2,297 | 2,208 |
| Florida..... | 41 | 23 | 33 | 179 | 103 | 117 | 591 | 1,362 | 844 | 3,552 | 5,474 | 4,296 |
| Total South Atlantic..... | 96 | 73 | 86 | 480 | 369 | 450 | 3,046 | 3,079 | 4,751 | 13,757 | 22,069 | 17,421 |
| East South Central: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky..... | 5 | 3 | 4 | 37 | 16 | 14 | 98 | 210 | 36 | 1,359 | 524 | 358 |
| Tennessee..... | 22 | 11 | 7 | 81 | 57 | 35 | 972 | 4,468 | 63 | 3,998 | 6,693 | 607 |
| Alabama..... | 3 | 5 | 8 | 19 | 31 | 30 | 52 | 192 | 119 | 478 | 1,186 | 706 |
| Mississippi..... | 4 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 27 | 34 | 32 | 47 | 270 | 817 | 728 | 1,591 |
| Total East South Central.. | 34 | 23 | 27 | 162 | 131 | 113 | 1,154 | 4,917 | 488 | 6,652 | 9,131 | 3,262 |
| West South Central: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas..... | 4 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 15 | 141 | 89 | 70 | 200 | 575 | 272 |
| Oklahoma..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 22 | 23 | 46 | 78 | 66 | 686 | 703 | 762 |
| Louisiana..... | 13 | 6 | 9 | 58 | 36 | 43 | 156 | 70 | 990 | 2,029 | 1,725 | 2,495 |
| Texas..... | 31 | 13 | 26 | 138 | 71 | 102 | 10,894 | 624 | 1,027 | 18,992 | 3,129 | 6,342 |
| Total West South Central.. | 51 | 23 | 44 | 234 | 147 | 183 | 11,237 | 861 | 2,153 | 21,907 | 6,132 | 9,871 |
| Mountain: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montana..... | .. | 2 | .. | 14 | 7 | 3 | .. | 9 | .. | 210 | 144 | 15 |
| Idaho..... | .. | .. | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | .. | .. | 58 | 157 | 145 | 351 |
| Wyoming..... | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | 7 | .. | 6 | 188 | .. | 31 | 264 | 37 |
| Colorado..... | 11 | 3 | 4 | 63 | 25 | 26 | 279 | 292 | 98 | 1,758 | 910 | 1,181 |
| New Mexico..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 11 | 91 | 85 | 115 | 410 | 215 | 413 |
| Arizona..... | 10 | 8 | 12 | 46 | 45 | 40 | 344 | 221 | 228 | 2,388 | 1,012 | 969 |
| Utah..... | 10 | .. | 5 | 31 | 18 | 21 | 513 | .. | 386 | 1,038 | 1,304 | 843 |
| Nevada..... | 10 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 12 | 854 | 79 | 326 | 2,606 | 301 | 702 |
| Total Mountain..... | 45 | 19 | 28 | 202 | 125 | 125 | 2,087 | 874 | 1,211 | 8,598 | 4,295 | 4,511 |
| Pacific: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington..... | 29 | 26 | 17 | 119 | 91 | 66 | 385 | 984 | 541 | 3,084 | 2,681 | 1,872 |
| Oregon..... | 21 | 14 | 12 | 67 | 45 | 55 | 365 | 368 | 652 | 3,881 | 1,020 | 3,387 |
| California..... | 225 | 236 | 199 | 1,030 | 1,077 | 1,050 | 8,655 | 5,562 | 5,833 | 34,463 | 32,716 | 37,546 |
| Total Pacific..... | 275 | 276 | 228 | 1,216 | 1,213 | 1,171 | 9,405 | 6,921 | 7,026 | 41,428 | 36,417 | 42,805 |
| Total United States..... | 1,164 | 955 | 943 | 5,391 | 4,712 | 4,813 | 59,901 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 236,473 | 191,819 | 215,652 |

Canadian Failures by Provinces—May and 5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

| | NUMBER OF FAILURES | | | | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|---|-------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | | MONTH OF MAY | | | FIVE MONTHS | | |
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| Canada: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland..... | 1 | .. | .. | 8 | 6 | 2 | 15 | .. | .. | 239 | 196 | 56 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 7 | .. | .. | 7 | 39 | .. |
| Nova Scotia..... | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | .. | .. | 55 | 192 | 426 | 320 |
| New Brunswick..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 57 | 16 | 246 | 102 | 199 |
| Quebec..... | 56 | 67 | 78 | 303 | 395 | 384 | 972 | 1,470 | 2,598 | 8,074 | 9,401 | 13,803 |
| Ontario..... | 42 | 41 | 35 | 211 | 177 | 155 | 1,250 | 1,639 | 1,356 | 13,183 | 5,671 | 9,805 |
| Manitoba..... | 1 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 47 | 32 | 157 | 2,567 | 1,674 | 1,357 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 1 | 2 | .. | 7 | 12 | 6 | 23 | 136 | .. | 230 | 731 | 175 |
| Alberta..... | 4 | .. | 4 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 98 | .. | 216 | 113 | 192 | 1,235 |
| British Columbia..... | 9 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 38 | 33 | 196 | 67 | 389 | 1,259 | 844 | 1,320 |
| Total Canada..... | 116 | 121 | 126 | 591 | 668 | 635 | 2,611 | 3,401 | 4,787 | 26,110 | 18,766 | 28,270 |

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—May and 5 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

| | MAY 1956 | | | | FIVE MONTHS 1956 | | | | FIVE MONTHS 1955 | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. |
| MINING & MANUFACTURING..... | 245 | 100.0 | 28,450 | 28,558 | 1,066 | 100.0 | 93,330 | 95,229 | 930 | 100.0 | 74,225 | 75,007 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 21 | 8.6 | 68 | 68 | 92 | 8.6 | 291 | 291 | 70 | 7.5 | 209 | 209 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 107 | 43.7 | 1,267 | 1,267 | 422 | 39.6 | 5,203 | 5,203 | 399 | 42.9 | 4,993 | 4,993 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 73 | 29.8 | 4,071 | 4,071 | 352 | 33.0 | 17,818 | 17,818 | 318 | 34.2 | 15,694 | 15,694 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 40 | 16.3 | 8,844 | 8,952 | 187 | 17.6 | 43,519 | 44,567 | 132 | 14.2 | 31,162 | 31,672 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | 4 | 1.6 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 13 | 1.2 | 26,499 | 27,350 | 11 | 1.2 | 21,907 | 22,239 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE..... | 118 | 100.0 | 5,713 | 5,903 | 546 | 100.0 | 24,665 | 24,889 | 517 | 100.0 | 20,396 | 20,476 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 13 | 11.0 | 37 | 37 | 47 | 8.6 | 143 | 143 | 43 | 8.3 | 126 | 126 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 53 | 44.9 | 703 | 703 | 243 | 44.5 | 3,146 | 3,146 | 255 | 49.3 | 3,471 | 3,471 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 37 | 31.4 | 1,860 | 1,860 | 197 | 36.1 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 180 | 34.8 | 8,194 | 8,194 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 15 | 12.7 | 3,113 | 3,303 | 58 | 10.6 | 10,736 | 10,960 | 38 | 7.4 | 7,590 | 7,670 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 0.2 | 1,140 | 1,140 | 1 | 0.2 | 1,015 | 1,015 |
| RETAIL TRADE..... | 575 | 100.0 | 13,242 | 13,242 | 2,656 | 100.0 | 66,073 | 66,341 | 2,371 | 100.0 | 52,186 | 52,992 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 129 | 22.5 | 373 | 373 | 556 | 20.9 | 1,586 | 1,586 | 470 | 19.8 | 1,354 | 1,354 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 309 | 53.7 | 3,659 | 3,659 | 1,430 | 53.9 | 16,985 | 16,985 | 1,340 | 56.5 | 16,003 | 16,003 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 118 | 20.5 | 5,251 | 5,251 | 574 | 21.6 | 24,175 | 24,175 | 484 | 20.4 | 21,098 | 21,098 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 19 | 3.3 | 3,959 | 3,959 | 93 | 3.5 | 17,853 | 18,121 | 77 | 3.3 | 13,931 | 14,537 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 0.1 | 5,474 | 5,474 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| CONSTRUCTION..... | 132 | 100.0 | 8,877 | 9,012 | 702 | 100.0 | 38,977 | 40,104 | 535 | 100.0 | 32,471 | 32,606 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 12 | 9.1 | 40 | 40 | 63 | 9.0 | 182 | 182 | 63 | 11.8 | 195 | 195 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 54 | 40.9 | 690 | 690 | 290 | 41.3 | 3,876 | 3,876 | 240 | 44.9 | 3,297 | 3,297 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 38 | 28.8 | 1,979 | 1,979 | 252 | 35.9 | 12,284 | 12,284 | 172 | 32.1 | 8,255 | 8,255 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 28 | 21.2 | 6,168 | 6,303 | 95 | 13.5 | 19,961 | 21,088 | 56 | 10.5 | 10,671 | 10,806 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 0.3 | 2,674 | 2,674 | 4 | 0.7 | 10,053 | 10,053 |
| COMMERCIAL SERVICE..... | 94 | 100.0 | 3,619 | 3,619 | 421 | 100.0 | 13,428 | 13,428 | 359 | 100.0 | 12,541 | 12,541 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 19 | 20.2 | 56 | 56 | 94 | 22.4 | 265 | 265 | 78 | 21.7 | 216 | 216 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 56 | 59.6 | 625 | 625 | 235 | 55.8 | 2,826 | 2,826 | 177 | 49.3 | 2,189 | 2,189 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 12 | 12.8 | 519 | 519 | 70 | 16.6 | 3,117 | 3,117 | 83 | 23.1 | 3,893 | 3,893 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 7 | 7.4 | 2,419 | 2,419 | 21 | 5.0 | 6,158 | 6,158 | 20 | 5.6 | 5,187 | 5,187 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 0.2 | 1,062 | 1,062 | 1 | 0.3 | 1,056 | 1,056 |
| TOTAL UNITED STATES..... | 1,164 | 100.0 | 59,901 | 60,334 | 5,391 | 100.0 | 236,473 | 239,991 | 4,712 | 100.0 | 191,819 | 193,622 |
| Under \$5,000..... | 194 | 16.7 | 574 | 574 | 852 | 15.8 | 2,467 | 2,467 | 724 | 15.4 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| \$5,000 to \$25,000..... | 579 | 49.7 | 6,944 | 6,944 | 2,620 | 48.6 | 32,036 | 32,036 | 2,411 | 51.2 | 29,953 | 29,953 |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000..... | 278 | 23.9 | 13,680 | 13,680 | 1,445 | 26.8 | 66,894 | 66,894 | 1,237 | 26.2 | 57,334 | 57,334 |
| \$100,000 to \$1,000,000..... | 109 | 9.4 | 24,503 | 24,936 | 454 | 8.4 | 98,227 | 100,894 | 323 | 6.8 | 68,341 | 69,872 |
| \$1,000,000 and Over..... | 4 | 0.3 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 20 | 0.4 | 36,849 | 37,700 | 17 | 0.4 | 34,091 | 34,363 |

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—May 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

| Districts: | MANUFACTURING | | WHOLESALE TRADE | | RETAIL TRADE | | CONSTRUCTION | | COMMERCIAL SERVICE | | TOTAL UNITED STATES | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. |
| Boston.....(1)..... | 13 | 652 | 10 | 322 | 30 | 637 | 5 | 133 | 5 | 61 | 63 | 1,805 |
| New York.....(2)..... | 97 | 10,066 | 37 | 1,027 | 159 | 3,305 | 20 | 1,219 | 14 | 1,072 | 327 | 16,689 |
| Philadelphia.....(3)..... | 14 | 812 | 10 | 346 | 34 | 745 | 14 | 1,337 | 4 | 39 | 76 | 3,279 |
| Cleveland.....(4)..... | 9 | 584 | 3 | 312 | 27 | 561 | 12 | 427 | 5 | 65 | 56 | 1,949 |
| Richmond.....(5)..... | 5 | 1,072 | 4 | 133 | 23 | 554 | 8 | 320 | 2 | 47 | 42 | 2,126 |
| Atlanta.....(6)..... | 11 | 273 | 8 | 303 | 43 | 530 | 15 | 465 | 6 | 68 | 83 | 1,639 |
| Chicago.....(7)..... | 19 | 3,751 | 11 | 1,265 | 57 | 1,697 | 9 | 380 | 6 | 243 | 102 | 7,336 |
| St. Louis.....(8)..... | 6 | 279 | 2 | 85 | 17 | 536 | .. | .. | 4 | 121 | 29 | 1,021 |
| Minneapolis.....(9)..... | 3 | 260 | 4 | 362 | 7 | 227 | 2 | 31 | 3 | 33 | 19 | 913 |
| Kansas City.....(10)..... | 5 | 243 | 2 | 410 | 14 | 307 | 5 | 107 | 3 | 46 | 29 | 1,113 |
| Dallas.....(11)..... | 7 | 8,603 | 4 | 107 | 17 | 659 | 7 | 1,614 | 1 | 6 | 36 | 10,989 |
| San Francisco.....(12)..... | 56 | 1,855 | 23 | 1,041 | 147 | 3,484 | 35 | 2,844 | 41 | 1,818 | 302 | 11,042 |
| Total United States..... | 245 | 28,450 | 118 | 5,713 | 575 | 13,242 | 132 | 8,877 | 94 | 3,619 | 1,164 | 59,901 |

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

| | Unadjusted Index | | | | Adjusted Index* | | | |
|----------------|------------------|------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| January..... | 47.9 | 42.9 | 39.4 | 28.2 | 46.1 | 40.9 | 36.8 | 26.4 |
| February..... | 50.9 | 45.6 | 47.9 | 35.6 | 43.5 | 38.6 | 40.9 | 30.4 |
| March..... | 49.6 | 44.0 | 46.7 | 32.2 | 46.4 | 41.1 | 43.6 | 29.8 |
| April..... | 45.2 | 39.7 | 42.9 | 30.3 | 42.2 | 36.8 | 39.7 | 28.1 |
| May..... | 51.3 | 43.7 | 43.1 | 31.5 | 48.9 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 30.0 |
| June..... | .. | 40.2 | 42.5 | 35.4 | .. | 40.6 | 42.9 | 35.8 |
| July..... | .. | 39.1 | 37.0 | 31.3 | .. | 42.0 | 40.4 | 33.7 |
| August..... | .. | 37.4 | 40.1 | 30.3 | .. | 41.6 | 44.1 | 33.7 |
| September..... | .. | 37.5 | 30.7 | .. | .. | 43.6 | 44.1 | 36.1 |
| October..... | .. | 41.9 | 39.9 | 36.2 | .. | 42.6 | 42.4 | 38.9 |
| November..... | .. | 46.8 | 46.4 | 41.7 | .. | 46.3 | 46.4 | 41.7 |
| December..... | .. | 39.8 | 40.3 | 35.3 | .. | 42.3 | 42.9 | 37.2 |
| Mo. Average.. | 49.0 | 41.6 | 42.0 | 33.2 | .. | .. | .. | .. |

(* Adjusted for seasonal variation.)

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the failure record, have a specific meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1954 to Date

| 1954 | Total Number | Mining & Mfg. | % of Total | Wholesale Trade | % of Total | Retail Trade | % of Total | Construction | % of Total | Commercial Service | % of Total |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| January..... | 867 | 192 | 22.2 | 79 | 9.1 | 450 | 51.9 | 86 | 9.9 | 60 | 6.9 |
| February..... | 926 | 207 | 22.3 | 87 | 9.4 | 449 | 48.5 | 109 | 11.8 | 74 | 8.0 |
| March..... | 1,102 | 198 | 17.9 | 123 | 11.2 | 551 | 50.0 | 143 | 13.0 | 87 | 7.9 |
| April..... | 975 | 200 | 20.5 | 82 | 8.4 | 535 | 54.9 | 92 | 9.4 | 66 | 6.8 |
| May..... | 943 | 200 | 21.2 | 91 | 9.6 | 460 | 48.8 | 111 | 11.8 | 81 | 8.6 |
| June..... | 965 | 208 | 21.6 | 89 | 9.2 | 455 | 47.1 | 132 | 13.7 | 81 | 8.4 |
| July..... | 956 | 185 | 19.3 | 99 | 11.6 | 417 | 48.7 | 95 | 11.1 | 80 | 9.3 |
| August..... | 912 | 187 | 20.5 | 94 | 10.3 | 451 | 49.4 | 100 | 11.0 | 80 | 8.8 |
| September..... | 819 | 153 | 18.7 | 113 | 13.8 | 406 | 49.6 | 88 | 10.7 | 59 | 7.2 |
| October..... | 871 | 189 | 21.7 | 91 | 10.5 | 414 | 47.5 | 109 | 12.5 | 68 | 7.8 |
| November..... | 933 | 179 | 19.2 | 86 | 9.2 | 490 | 52.5 | 110 | 11.8 | 68 | 7.3 |
| December..... | 917 | 204 | 22.2 | 98 | 10.7 | 413 | 45.0 | 130 | 14.2 | 72 | 7.9 |
| Total Year..... | 11,086 | 2,282 | 20.6 | 1,132 | 10.2 | 5,491 | 49.5 | 1,305 | 11.8 | 876 | 7.9 |
| 1955 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 939 | 195 | 20.8 | 114 | 12.1 | 456 | 48.5 | 87 | 9.3 | 87 | 9.3 |
| February..... | 877 | 188 | 21.4 | 104 | 11.9 | 412 | 47.0 | 113 | 12.9 | 60 | 6.8 |
| March..... | 1,038 | 225 | 21.7 | 119 | 11.5 | 520 | 50.1 | 108 | 10.4 | 66 | 6.3 |
| April..... | 903 | 154 | 17.1 | 93 | 10.3 | 484 | 53.6 | 106 | 11.7 | 66 | 7.3 |
| May..... | 955 | 168 | 17.6 | 87 | 9.1 | 499 | 52.2 | 121 | 12.7 | 80 | 8.4 |
| June..... | 914 | 200 | 21.9 | 79 | 8.6 | 446 | 48.8 | 114 | 12.5 | 75 | 8.2 |
| July..... | 861 | 179 | 20.8 | 89 | 10.3 | 423 | 49.1 | 102 | 11.9 | 68 | 7.9 |
| August..... | 888 | 158 | 17.8 | 107 | 12.1 | 430 | 48.4 | 134 | 15.1 | 59 | 6.6 |
| September..... | 822 | 168 | 20.5 | 90 | 12.0 | 366 | 44.5 | 114 | 13.9 | 75 | 9.1 |
| October..... | 919 | 180 | 19.6 | 85 | 9.2 | 437 | 47.3 | 136 | 14.8 | 81 | 8.8 |
| November..... | 945 | 196 | 20.7 | 84 | 8.9 | 462 | 48.9 | 133 | 14.1 | 70 | 7.4 |
| December..... | 908 | 191 | 21.0 | 104 | 11.5 | 404 | 44.5 | 136 | 15.0 | 73 | 8.0 |
| Total Year..... | 10,969 | 2,202 | 20.1 | 1,164 | 10.6 | 5,339 | 48.7 | 1,404 | 12.8 | 860 | 7.8 |
| 1956 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 1,048 | 209 | 19.9 | 106 | 10.1 | 535 | 51.1 | 126 | 12.0 | 72 | 6.9 |
| February..... | 1,024 | 202 | 19.7 | 108 | 10.5 | 511 | 49.9 | 141 | 13.8 | 62 | 6.1 |
| March..... | 1,170 | 224 | 19.2 | 122 | 10.4 | 572 | 48.9 | 150 | 12.8 | 102 | 8.7 |
| April..... | 985 | 186 | 18.9 | 92 | 9.4 | 463 | 47.0 | 153 | 15.5 | 91 | 9.2 |
| May..... | 1,164 | 245 | 21.1 | 118 | 10.1 | 575 | 49.4 | 132 | 11.3 | 94 | 8.1 |
| June..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| July..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| August..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| October..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| November..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total Year..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1954 to Date

| 1954 | Total Number | Under \$5,000 | % of Total | \$5,000 to \$25,000 | % of Total | \$25,000 to \$100,000 | % of Total | \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 | % of Total | \$1,000,000 and Over | % of Total |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| January..... | 867 | 134 | 15.5 | 427 | 49.2 | 249 | 28.7 | 55 | 6.3 | 2 | 0.3 |
| February..... | 926 | 119 | 12.8 | 458 | 49.5 | 271 | 29.3 | 73 | 7.9 | 5 | 0.5 |
| March..... | 1,102 | 144 | 13.1 | 556 | 50.6 | 296 | 26.9 | 102 | 9.2 | 2 | 0.2 |
| April..... | 975 | 148 | 15.2 | 514 | 52.7 | 242 | 24.8 | 67 | 6.9 | 4 | 0.4 |
| May..... | 943 | 149 | 15.8 | 482 | 51.1 | 243 | 25.8 | 66 | 7.0 | 3 | 0.3 |
| June..... | 965 | 119 | 12.3 | 497 | 51.5 | 268 | 27.8 | 78 | 8.1 | 3 | 0.3 |
| July..... | 956 | 123 | 14.4 | 457 | 53.4 | 208 | 24.3 | 68 | 7.9 | .. | .. |
| August..... | 912 | 138 | 15.1 | 472 | 51.8 | 232 | 25.4 | 70 | 7.7 | .. | .. |
| September..... | 819 | 121 | 14.8 | 400 | 48.8 | 231 | 28.2 | 63 | 7.7 | 4 | 0.5 |
| October..... | 871 | 150 | 17.2 | 447 | 51.3 | 220 | 25.3 | 53 | 6.1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| November..... | 933 | 143 | 15.3 | 491 | 52.6 | 236 | 25.3 | 60 | 6.5 | 3 | 0.3 |
| December..... | 917 | 152 | 16.6 | 437 | 47.6 | 250 | 27.3 | 74 | 8.1 | 4 | 0.4 |
| Total Year..... | 11,086 | 1,640 | 14.8 | 5,640 | 50.8 | 2,946 | 26.6 | 829 | 7.5 | 31 | 0.3 |
| 1955 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 939 | 133 | 14.2 | 484 | 51.5 | 256 | 27.3 | 62 | 6.6 | 4 | 0.4 |
| February..... | 877 | 108 | 12.3 | 453 | 51.7 | 242 | 27.6 | 70 | 8.0 | 4 | 0.4 |
| March..... | 1,038 | 161 | 15.5 | 521 | 50.2 | 270 | 26.0 | 83 | 8.0 | 3 | 0.3 |
| April..... | 903 | 159 | 17.6 | 469 | 52.0 | 216 | 23.9 | 56 | 6.2 | 3 | 0.3 |
| May..... | 955 | 163 | 17.1 | 484 | 50.7 | 253 | 26.5 | 52 | 5.4 | 3 | 0.3 |
| June..... | 914 | 170 | 18.6 | 420 | 45.9 | 241 | 26.4 | 82 | 9.0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| July..... | 861 | 149 | 17.3 | 420 | 48.8 | 232 | 27.0 | 58 | 6.7 | 2 | 0.2 |
| August..... | 888 | 157 | 17.7 | 431 | 48.5 | 223 | 25.1 | 76 | 8.6 | 1 | 0.1 |
| September..... | 822 | 129 | 15.7 | 388 | 47.2 | 227 | 27.6 | 76 | 9.2 | 2 | 0.3 |
| October..... | 919 | 145 | 15.8 | 469 | 51.1 | 248 | 27.0 | 54 | 5.8 | 3 | 0.3 |
| November..... | 945 | 152 | 16.1 | 464 | 49.1 | 247 | 26.1 | 76 | 8.1 | 6 | 0.6 |
| December..... | 908 | 159 | 17.5 | 409 | 45.0 | 261 | 28.8 | 75 | 8.3 | 4 | 0.4 |
| Total Year..... | 10,969 | 1,785 | 16.3 | 5,412 | 49.3 | 2,916 | 26.6 | 820 | 7.5 | 36 | 0.3 |
| 1956 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January..... | 1,048 | 178 | 17.0 | 490 | 46.7 | 303 | 28.9 | 73 | 7.0 | 4 | 0.4 |
| February..... | 1,024 | 159 | 15.5 | 468 | 45.7 | 282 | 27.5 | 110 | 10.8 | 5 | 0.5 |
| March..... | 1,170 | 184 | 15.7 | 504 | 50.8 | 303 | 25.9 | 86 | 7.3 | 3 | 0.3 |
| April..... | 985 | 137 | 13.9 | 489 | 49.7 | 279 | 28.3 | 76 | 7.7 | 4 | 0.4 |
| May..... | 1,164 | 194 | 16.7 | 579 | 49.7 | 278 | 23.9 | 109 | 9.4 | 4 | 0.3 |
| June..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| July..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| August..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| October..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| November..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total Year..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

